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New Experiences.
Katie Gumerson samples food from around the world at the International Food Fiesta held in Wailes during Cultural Awareness Week.

Making their mark.
The Class of 2000 is determined to make a place for themselves in Sweet Briar history.

Express yourself.
Dawn Everett shows a style all her own.

How to Make a Sweet Briar Quilt

The process of gathering materials to make a quilt takes a long time. First, you must choose a pattern. Then, you search out the right cloth. You begin stitching the pieces together according to the directions, but you find it necessary to add your own touch. When it is finished, it is unique. It is you.

Sweet Briar guides us to find out who we are and what we are made of. We are told from the time of our arrival on campus that we are here to develop our minds both in and out of the classroom. We begin to gather the materials which make this possible. These four years are our directions. They are integral to shaping who we will become. We come with plans, many of which are adjusted to fit the person we are becoming. These are the changes in the pattern. When we graduate, we find that over the years, we have distinguished ourselves. We are unique, just like a quilt.

Participation is a must.
Brandi Whitley helped the swim team meet its goals and also challenged herself.

End of the journey.
Jill Meadows prepares for her Senior Dance Recital, a culmination of her four years of work.

STUDENT LIFE

QV, QV, the best that you can be... Megan Butt is revealed. After a year of secrecy, she gladly accepts gifts and her QV hat in front of the entire student body.

Hanging out and doing laundry are popular Sweet Briar event - why not combine them? Cady Thomas and Bronwyn Beard take advantage of the nice day.

It's Macarena time for Sophie Simonard, Anna Hoevelkamp, and Eriko Ikeda! They moved to the groove during Regency, a band sponsored by co-curricular life during Black History month.

Katie Clarkson, Rachel Barnard, and Jeanette Oswald take a break from the noise of the Earphones on the breezeway between Randolph and Pannell.

Sweet Briar sisters spend a great deal of time together. Step Singing is often a time of sharing. Tonya Grudier '98 is close to her two sisters Angela Hay and Allison Davis '00.

Celebrating their first and last Lantern Bearing together, Sisters Molly '97 and Jenny Cameron '00 spent only the 96-97 year together at SBC.

Ending their time together at SBC, Erin '99 and Kara Vlasaty '97 share the celebration of graduation.

Special bonds at SBC a sister and friend

Ready for fall formal, Serena '98 and Tara Putgnat '00 take a moment for a special picture before they head to Prothro.

SBC has a strong tradition of sisterhood. The students are bound together through their ties with the school. This bond is exemplified by the tradition of the members of the junior class adopting the members of the first year class. But, some students have an even greater tie: a biological one. Their sisters attend Sweet Briar.

Big sisters/little sisters is a wonderful tradition. The purpose of a big sister is for freshmen to have upperclasswomen to ask questions of and to help aid in the transition to college. Sometimes those pairings can form very close relationships. Many freshmen like to know that there is someone there for them. Germaine Gottsche '00 said of her big sister Melinda Brown '98, "She is an awesome big sis and friend and it always brightens my day to talk with her." "My big sister, Catherine Zahrn, absolutely rocks," said Tiffany Moseley, '00.

Having a biological sister on campus has a special meaning. Many siblings stated that the benefits far outweighed the drawbacks. Freshman Kristy Chatham, who lives with her sister says, "It has been really nice having my sister here, especially in the beginning. Unlike everyone else, I didn't have to make many adjustments in my living." Kimberly Earhart '00, whose sister Amy is a senior, said that making the transition to college may have been a little easier because of her older sister on campus. "When I arrived I already knew someone and about the school, where others may not have."

There is a special bond that occur between any kind of SBC sisters. Of this, Courtney Hayes '98 said, "When I leave Sweet Briar I'll always know my sister class by the purple ring they wear. Every woman that wears the green ring walked through Sweet Briar in the same shoes we did and covered the same path. I will always hold these women close to my heart."

At Fall Step Singing, Kindle Samuel '98 and Nicole Rodriguez '00 share a hug.

Biological sisters Abby '00 and Jen Schmidt '99 have spent most of their lives together but still share a special bond. Here, they share a basket for Lantern Bearing.

community living

Joys of dorm life

"Whoever thought of putting two people in a twelve by twelve room and expecting them to live peacefully was insane," said Katie Martin '98. Colleges everywhere have embraced this concept with open arms. It certainly makes for a very interesting living arrangement. Dorm life is something to which almost all Sweet Briar students must adjust. Even for those living in a room alone, there are at least twenty other girls on their hall with whom they have to share a bathroom. While some hate and others love this arrangement, all must learn to live with it.

Living in a dorm means many things to many people. "I've been exposed to all kinds of community germs, but I wouldn't trade living with my friends for anything," said Bronwyn Beard '98. For many, life in the dorms includes running up and down the hall to talk to everyone, group conferences in the bathrooms (who would have thought that a room meant for privacy could turn into one of the biggest meeting areas on a hall?), or hiding out in their room hoping for a little privacy.

It's no secret that some dorms are more desirable than others, but most everyone has to serve their time in the unrenovated ones. Cady Thomas '98, who served time in Dew this year said, "my freshman year, I got really lucky, a great room and the perfect roommate. Wouldn't I love to live in Grammer again!" No matter the dorm, no matter the hall, everyone at SBC shares in the wonderful world of community living.

Alternative activities proved to be more fun than studying for Bronwyn Beard and Sarah Nolton.

Grammer's first-year residents soon learned it was fun to wear PJs and sweats all day.

Laptops and day planners were common sights around dorms. Working on her paper, Jenn Hogan has friends to help pass time by.

Becky Mansell directs procrastination activities in 3rd floor Reid.

The second floor residents of Reid found a great way to spread Christmas spirit - with a party!!

Manson basement is the place for a chat between T.C. Weiseman and Erikka Sund.

Asking questions about assignments, students have a chance to talk with each other before class. Academics are important and Sweet Briar students know it.

The Library is a popular place to sudy and it's so much more fun with friends. Dorothy Hughes, Meghan Collins, and Jennifer Marshall work together on a project in the quiet of a study room.

A 'Stro burger, fruit juice, milk and a friend are all that is needed for a good night out. Amena Hafiz and Rebecca VanDuzer take time to laugh and talk in the Bistro.

Always too much to do daily routine

With Sweet Briar's magnificent views, the art students have plenty of scenery to choose from. Hieke Munz takes time to paint a beautiful landscape.

It's 8 a.m. on Monday morning and Sweet Briar girls are just getting up to make it to their 8:30 classes while dreams of the weekend still float in their minds. Students have 12-18 hours of classes and have to mix this with a social life, men, meals, and outside work. Only after a tough day of classes do they let down their hair and socialize.

Meals director, Archie Waldron, knows the stress girls are under and plans his meals accordingly. Knowing lunch is important and that it has to be quick, he offers food we can "grab, eat, and run," he says.

Afternoons and evenings are spent in study or gab sessions, working or napping.

Meredith Tillery, Noelle Milbury, and the rest of their group get together and play dress up to relieve some of the anxiety related to academics. Other friends dance or just laugh with each other to procrastinate or celebrate. Some even spare the time to watch a little "Must See TV" including ER and Friends.

While academics are likely to take up a lot of their time, Sweet Briar girls study together in an effort to spend productive time with friends.

The Bistro, open until midnight every night, is often a place Sweet Briar students associate. A good 'Stroburger and a bunch of friends is enough to motivate almost anybody to complete their studies.

Knowing the weekend is coming helps most students work hard during the week. The weekends may be spent catching up on sleep, going to the mall, or trekking to another college to grab a little more of the social scene. All in all, the daily life of a Sweet Briar girl consists of good friends, good food, many study hours and visions of the upcoming weekend.

As roommates, Tina Brady and Lynn Boyd spend plenty of time together studying, but still find time during the day for an idle chat.

Hanging out with friends is always fun and Sweet Briar benches provide the space. Gracia Mendez, Yseult Amusan, and Chiara Angeloni stop to talk on a chilly Spring day.

mardi gras madness

Junior Banquet brings celebration

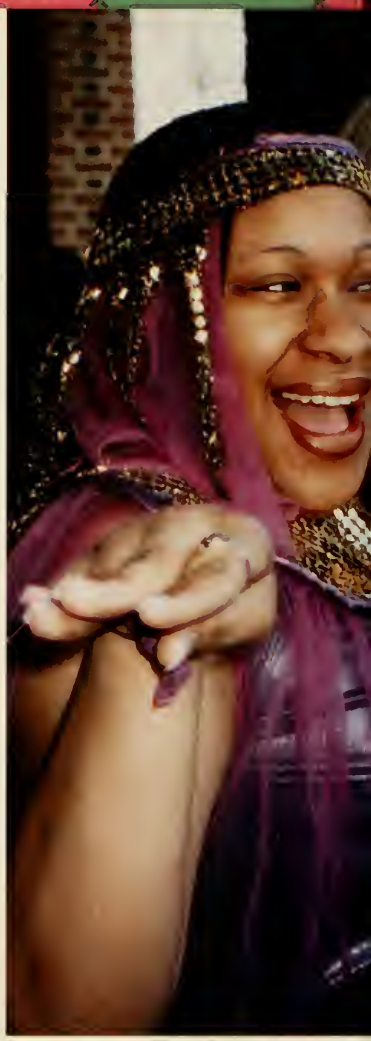
From Wailes Student Center to the dorms, the campus was transformed on Friday, March 7. The occasion was Junior Banquet, a night that juniors had looked forward to for two and a half years. For most juniors, the preparations for the night began weeks before. Costumes had to be picked out according to the theme, Mardi Gras, which meant "anything goes." After clearing their room of all movable furniture,the juniors arrived at Wailes in everything from evening gowns with masks to french maid costumes.

President Muhlenfeld serenaded the entire class and had everyone roaring. To make her feel like a true member of Sweet Briar, the class gave her a class ring. The toastmistresses then read the odes.

Then the moment arrived - the class officers handed out the rings. Sarah Nolton '98 said, "getting our rings was incredibly exciting." She speaks for all juniors as they opened their boxes and saw their very own green ring staring at them. The room was filled with yelling, laughing and even a few tears.

After the fuss died down, the rush was on to go see what had happened to their ordinary dorm room. Sarah Katherine Spangler '98 said, "it was awesome! I have to say it was one of the greatest surprises ever to see my senior, Kerri (Rawlings) standing there." The seniors spent lots of time turning the rooms into Sesame Street, the beach, or even the Irish countryside.

Junior Banquet is a night that is enjoyed by everyone and for most, it is a night that will never be forgotten. It will be a special memory for the juniors. Susan Barney '98 said, "it was fun all the years, but it made it even better when it was ours because it was for us."



All decked out and ready to go ! Heather Reynolds and Susan Barney dressed up for Jr Banquet as did many of juniors.

Under the Sea is where Gannon Hunt and Kate Bryan spent Jr. Banquet.

So proud! The risque dress of New Orleans Mardi Gras showed up at the Sweet Briar version just in time for Jr Banquet.

Officers Marnie Tokaruk and Britt Shienbaum get the special duty of handing out the boxes that hold SBC rings.

In the vicinity of the Nile--or was it Manson, Katie Martin and Tonya Grudier celebrate having their robes and ring in SBC fashion.

Helping Lisa Hall "tie one on," T.C. Weiseman is ready for the long night ahead.

Headed to their first Step Singing event, freshmen parade proudly to the Quad carrying their banner.

Saying goodbye to Sweet Briar made the Spring Step Singing a bittersweet event for the graduating seniors.

Sophomores shout their messages of ill will in the faces of the junior class during Fall Step Singing.

While being serenaded by their little sister class, Heather Reynolds and Isabelle Jean-Pierre hug in celebration of finally being upperclass women.

Class rivalry comes alive way too loud

One of Sweet Briar's greatest traditions was appreciated by a new class while the seniors sang their last songs on the Golden Stairs.

"Step singing was a fun experience for me and has quickly become one of my favorite Sweet Briar traditions," says Anna Hoevelkamp, '00.

Many students love getting together with their classmates, making up fun songs, and singing them out loud in the quad. Fall Step singing furthered the class rivalry between the freshman and sophomores this year, while the seniors gloated on their Golden Stairs.

Spring Step singing came all too quickly and everyone realized that the year was almost complete. The class rivalries continued, the QV's were announced, and the seniors sang for the very last time in their Sweet Briar careers. A new tradition was begun by the seniors. They put together a medley of favorite tunes they sang throughout their years here.

Although it was emotional for some, it was a happy time, too, knowing the seniors would always have fond memories to take with them along their paths of life.

Only twice a year does the whole school join together. Step Singing provides a break in studies and promotes friendships and friendly rilvalries.

Kneeling before the seniors, sophomores sing to their sister class just once more before their graduation.

all dressed up

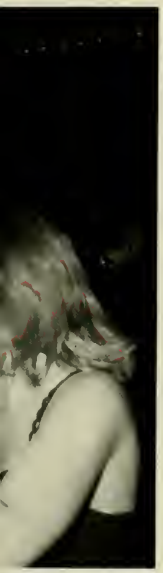
A chance to shine

At both the Fall and Spring Formals eveyone was swinging and jammin'.

Fall Formal, sponsored as a fundraiser by the Class of '99, had the theme "Swinging in the Mood." Prothro was nicely decorated with black and gold balloon archways over the dance floor. The band played swing songs, as well as old favorites like the electric slide.

Jungle Jam was the theme for the Spring Formal sponsored by the Student Activities Board. Jungle scenes adorned Prothro as students jammed to Baby Huey and the Baby Sitters until one in the morning.

Formals provided fun for all students, their dates and their friends whether they were jammin' in the jungle or swingin' in the mood.



Get down, get down! Katie Martin, Tonya Grudier, Stephanie Belk, and Amy Stroupe show their stuff at Spring Formal.

At her first SBC formal, Marissa Jesson shows off her date and her moves.

Doing the Shag, Lucinda Polley and her brother, a freshman at W&L, get the chance to show their stuff at the Fall Formal.

Swinging in the mood at the Fall Formal, Alia Bey, chairwoman, and her date dance the night away.

With their dates, Liz Keating and Alicia Allen pose for a keepsake from their night.

While some just danced, others had a chance to show off the steps they know by heart. Amanda Ankerman and her date knew the moves and demonstrated them to the rest of the dancers.

PEOPLE

Sweet Briar's classses are enough to wear out just about anybody. But, these girls are going strong as they head toward Benedict.

Step singing was a place for all students to meet. President Muhlenfeld attended her first Step Singing on campus along with freshman.

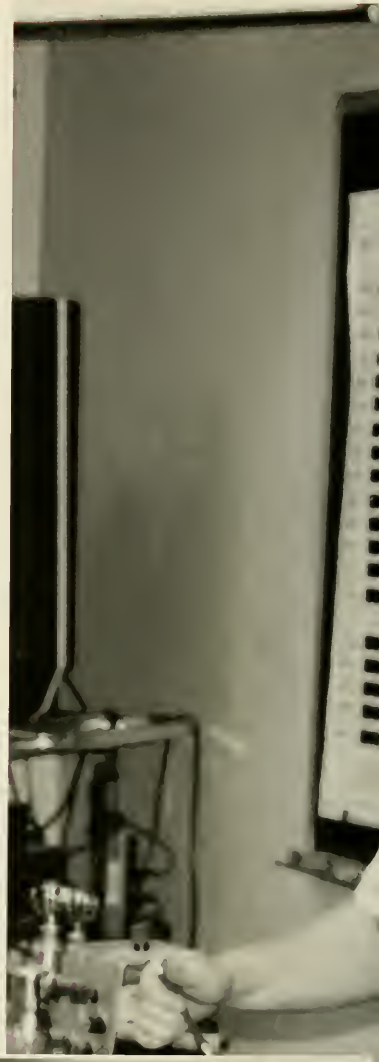
Getting a shot with Dean Patterson, Cynthia Bumgardner and Brigette Laib are ready and waiting for Jr. Banquet to begin.

Deciding on a Halloween costume can be a chore. But Renee Dupre and Ashby Plain decided that they wanted to let their good nature show by dressing up as fairies.

ABSOLUTE
Dedication

Faculty

Sweet Briar has always been known for its tremendous faculty. Many have received government and organizational grants for work in their fields of study, proving the dedication and high caliber of professors on campus. Since many professors live at Sweet Briar, it helps to build the community atmosphere. It is not unusual to see a student and professor carrying on a conversation outside of class - either in Prothro or the Post Office. With the close proximity, it is not uncommon to see students walking to or from a dinner, class, or study session at a professor's house. When the studying gets rough and questions mount, professors are only a phone call away. With a 12:1 student:faculty ratio, the faculty are always easy to approach and accessible to answer the tough academic questions.



Always ready to help a student, Dean George Lenz talks Cynthia Bumgardner '98 through a troublesome physics problem

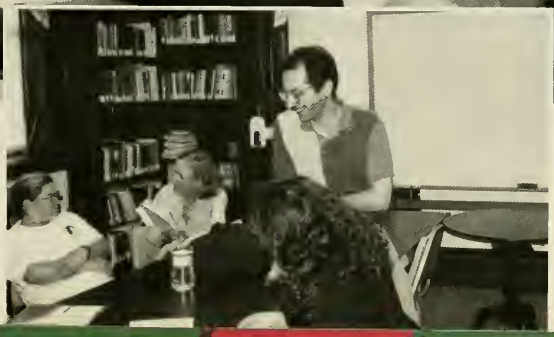
After stopping to chat with students before class, Claudia Chang, anthropology, is ready to get things going in class.

Having trouble with Spanish, Heike Munz knows Eliana Hermann will be able to offer aid.

Faculty are often more artistic than students recognize and the Hidden Talent Art Exhibit informed students of such artistic ability. Karl Tambur and guest talk with Carlos Calle about his work.

At the opening of the Nike convention, President Muhlenfeld and Jennifer Crispen observe the excitement of Sweet Briar students.

Taking Sweet Briar up on its invitation to attend Step Singing, Joan Kent even decked out her dog with a QV hat to demonstrate community spirit.



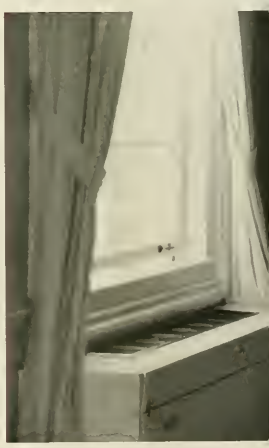
It's not all Greek to Constantine Hadavas' Classics class.

President Muhlenfeld served as the honored guest to the Class of 1998's Junior Banquet. She received a class ring, too.

One of President Muhlenfeld's favorite places in Sweet Briar House is the second floor veranda. She sometimes imagines what our founders would have seen from there.

Checking out Step Singing for the first time, President Muhlenfeld laughs at some of the antics.

Everyone, including President Muhlenfeld, loves Sweet Briar's mascot, the Vixen!



The First Year

President Muhlenfeld Makes Her Mark

The past few years have been ones of change for Sweet Briar and this year brought perhaps one of the biggest changes of all. Sweet Briar welcomed a new president to campus. Elisabeth Showalter Muhlenfeld serves as the ninth president of SBC. She assumed this post in August.

She came to SBC from Florida State University in Tallahassee, where she was the Dean of Students. Her educational background is quite extensive with a BA in philosophy from Goucher College, her Master's in English from the University of Texas and finally a Ph.D. in english from the University of South Carolina. President Muhlenfeld has also written four books.

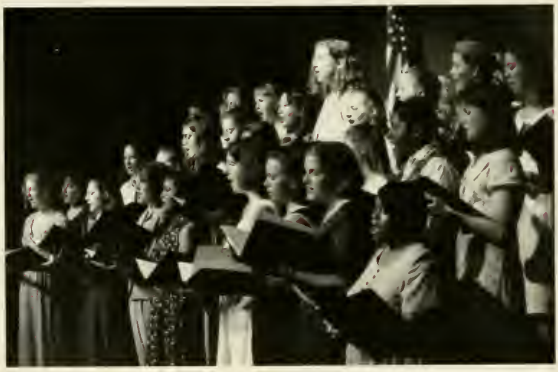
Because of her past experiences, President Muhlenfeld came to SBC with plenty of ideas for improvement, which included new emphasis on some areas. She would like to extend Sweet Briar's leadership in international education by sponsoring more Junior Year Abroad programs. She wants to see more concentrated preparation for graduate study, while still recognizing the importance of emphasis on liberal arts.

President Muhlenfeld, along with Guinevere and Linor (her two greyhounds), are happy to make SBC their home and SBC is proud to have them here.

At Casino Night, President Muhlenfeld belts out some of her favorites. She was accompanied by Rebecca McNutt, Professor of Music.

President Muhlenfeld makes her first appearance with her Presidential Medal, presented during Inauguration.

Sweet Briar's Concert Choir participated in Inauguration.



During the celebration, President Muhlenfeld spoke with Christine Bump and her date.

Celebrate

Ninth Inauguration in SBC History

Sweet Briar's ninth president, Elisabeth Muhlenfeld was inaugurated April 12. The event began with the inaugural ceremony in Babcock Auditorium. A reception and dinner followed.

The ceremony included greetings from every sector of the Sweet Briar Community. Dr. Noel Polk spoke in honor of the president as she accepted her new office. Finally, she addressed the SBC community,

The rain didn't stop several students from venturing out to witness the grand event. "It was a shame that more students didn't attend because it was a very special event for SBC, " said Tonya Grudier '98.

"I thought it was a wonderful day for me, personally, and I sensed that it was a real celebration of Sweet Briar for the community as well," said President Muhlenfeld of the event.

Not often do Sweet Briar students get to live it up the way they did during the Inaugural celebration. Erin Wortley and her date joined Erikka Sund for dinner and drinks.

Dr. Noel Polk delivered a speech in honor of President Muhlenfeld during the Inaugural ceremony.

Faculty

James Alouf
Education

Gregory Armstrong
Religion

Rosalia Ascari
Italian

Jody Bart
Philosphy and Women & Gender Studies

Susan Beers
Psychology

Gerald Berg
History

Brenda Boggs
Psychology

Petrus Bosman
Dance

Stephen Bragaw
Government

John Gregory Brown
English/Creative Writing

Carlos Calle
Physics

Bill Carroll
Music

Claudia Chang
Anthropology

Robert Chase
Mathematical Sciences

Jennifer Crispen
Physical Education

Paul Cronin
Riding

Ross Dabney
English

Robin Davies
Biology

Mary Gayle Davis
Education

Susan Deal
Riding

Dr. Fink and Dr. Davies watch the 1997 graduates bid a farewell to friends and faculty.

Just before the rain came down, the entire faculty processed into the Quad to watch as the Class of '97 became alumnae.

Recieving congratulations from Dr. Alouf, Heather Cushman gets a last few words of advice to take her into the "real world."

Kathryn Cunningham stops to say goodbye to Dr. Goulde and Dr. Grieder after graduation.

The procession to the Quad for graduation shows Dr. McClenon, Dr. Dabney, Mr. Cronin, and Dr. Simpson in full academic regalia.

Pamela DeWeese
Spanish

Bernadette Dino
Music

Edward Drayer
Sociology

Deborah Durham
Anthropology

Judith Elkins
Mathimatical Sciences

Judith Evans-Grubbs
Classical Studies

Linda Fink
Biology

Thorsten Fink
Mathematical Sciences

Laura Fjord
Anthropology

C. Michael Gambone
Economics

John Goulde
Religion

Max Graeber
Theatre Arts

Jill Granger
Chemistry

Elna Green
History

Jonathan Green
Music

Brett Greider
Religion

Kenneth Grimm
Government

Stephen Gross
History

Constantine Hadavas
Classical Studies

Janie Hall
Education

Maurine Harrison
Education

Margaret Hartman
Philosphy

Rudy Hazucha
Music

Barbara Heath
Anthropology

Eliana Hermann
Spanish

Miriam Hermosa
Music

Ronald Horwege
German

William Hostetler
Economics

Alycia Hugo
Music

Allen Huszti
Music

Sang Hwang
Environmental Studies

Scott Hyman
Physics

John Illig
Economics

Alix Ingber
Spanish

Richard Jacques
Government and Economics

Collette Jamerson
Physical Education

David Johnson
Studio Art

Joan Kent
History

William Kershner
Theatre Arts

Bonnie Kestner
Physical Education

Jeffrey Key
Government

Professor Monk instructs Brandy Cash '00 on a technique during her studio art class.

Professor Key and Professor Bragaw chat after graduation.

In front of the library after graduation, Dr. Berg and Dr. Kent discuss the ensured success of former students.

Professor Moran, Dr. Calle, and Dr. Ingber gather for the 1997 Commencement.

Rebecca Massie Lane leads a visiting school group through a series of games relating to their visit to Pannell Art Gallery.

Marie-Thérése Killiam
French

Bessie Kirkwood
Mathematical Sciences

James Kirkwood
Mathematical Sciences

Aileen Laing
Art History

Rebecca Massie Lane
Arts Management

Emilie Langlois
French

George Lenz
Dean of the College; Physics

Elizabeth Leonard
Riding

Dominique Leveau
French

Frank Ludwig
Theatre Arts

Ella Magruder
Dance

Mark Magruder
Dance

Cheryl Mares
English

Cheryl Mayo
Sociology

John McClenon
Music

Rebecca McNutt
Music

Angelo Metzidakis
French

Reuben Miller
Economics

Joe Monk
Studio Art

Diane Moran
Art History

Kelly Morrison
Physical Education

Elisabeth Muhlenfeld
President; English

Andrea Nagy
English

Kristin Powers Nowlin
Studio Art

Leigh Oben
Music

Norrine Ostrowski
Psychology

Cynthia Patterson
Dean of Academic Advising & Co-curricular life; History

Barbara Perry
Government

Laura Pharis
Studio Art

Lee Piepho
English

Susan Piepho
Chemistry

Polly Porter
Physical Education

Fumiko Radile
Japanese

Michael Richards
History

Marcia Robertson
English

Raina Robeva
Mathematical Sciences

Leticia Romo
Spanish

Joanne Rosinski
Biology

Roberta Sadler
Psychology

Dennis Sampson
Writer-in-Residence

Leticia Romo, SBC graduate and visiting professor of Spanish also did the job of dealer at Casino Night.

During class, Norrine Ostrowski takes time out to give Kathryn Black an explanation.

Talking to students during Club Day, Chaplain Lehman and Neela Zinsser also took time to look over a new selection of t-shirts.

Professor Wills and Dr. Miller congratulate '97 graduate C. Loie Muir.

Edward Schwarzchild
English

Margaret Scouten
French

Lynn Seipp
Music

Brent Shea
Sociology

Eva Lee Shober
Education

Margaret Simpson
Biology

Pamela Simpson
Chemistry

Laura Staman
Physical Education

Margaret Stanton
Spanish

Laura Symons
English

Karl Tamburr
English

A. Kurt Thaw
Psychology, Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient

Stephen Wassell
Mathematical Sciences

Dianne Williams
Education

Douglas Wills
Economics

Christopher Witcombe
Art History

Loretta Wittman
Theatre Arts

Peter Worford
Music

Merrilee Wroten
Riding

Kellie Young
Physical Education

LAST TIME
Around
Seniors

When they started college four years ago, they didn't know it would go so fast. From their first step-singing to Lantern Bearing, the class of 1997 will always have fond memories of their years spent here. This year held many special priviledges - legally walking through the senior doors, sitting on the Golden Stairs, getting drops from their Secret Sophomores, receiving a newly decorated robe from a special freshman, and transforming a junior's room from the typical dorm room into the exotic. Ring and scroll games broke up the monotony and stress of senior seminars, thesis papers, and worrying about graduate school and jobs. All in all, senior year was a time for great expectations, hard work, good times, and bittersweet farewells.

Nessim Al-Yafi, Connor Louis, Autumn Mather, Alexa Schriempf, and Megan Usui receive the honor of being inducted into the *Who's Who*.

At a Bistro party, Margaret Jenkins and Alison Hall have tons of fun.

Foxfield in Charlottesville was a great place to spend an after-noon in the spring. Lindsy Rollenhagen, Kara Vlasaty and Katie Gumerson took advantage of great weather.

Celebrating their success at the Senior Art Exhibit are Melanie Chriscoe, Virginia Brundage, and Margaret Brodie.

Autumn Mather discusses an exhibit in Pannell with gallery director Rebecca Massie Lane.

Although their responsibility was transforming rooms, Robin Beaulieu, Jill Gavitt, Rochelle Colquitt, and Nessim Al-Yafi had a great time at Junior Banquet.

Fall Step Singing wasn't yet the time to say goodbye, but time to cheer for having reached the top.

Landis Addison

Atlanta, Georgia
Major: Psychology
Minor: Dance

Activities: T.T.C., Taps-N-Toes, Habitat for Humanity: Co-President, Alpha Lambda Delta: Vice President, Psi Chi: President, Panell Scholar.

"...no matter what the waitress brings me, I shall drink it and always be full." -Blues Traveler

Alicia Allen

Newnan, Georgia
Major: Environmental Studies
Minor: Dance

Activities: Academic Affairs Representative, Freshman Leadership Program, Taps-N-Toes, Volleyball, Softball, Leadership Council of the SWEBOP Intstructor Program: Chairwoman.

Say when will we ever meet again, say where and I'll meet you right there, say why do we have to say good-bye. Say when, say where, say why. Thank you Mom, Dad, Anne, and Brian for all your love and support.

Nessim Adnan Al-Yafi

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Major: Theatre
Minor: Dance

Activities: Paints-N-Patches: President, Taps-N-Toes: Vice President, Academic Affairs Committee, Unity, Overnight Hostess, Fencing, Basketball, Alternatives, Senior Directing Project, Chairwoman of Teaching Award.

Love to all my Friends: "I have had the ride of my life!" Tiger, Jen, Mel, sis Court, Deb, Narsha, Jilly Bean, Kitty, Sexy Tanya, Assilem, Bear Bear, Queen Amena, Love Monkey, Muff, Dragon Lady, Megan, SuSu, Sakura, Catalina, Inga, friends that graduated thanks for your love! Loop de Loop, Cheap X-mas trash, Walk into Glass door, Vixen, Scrubbing and love to my family!

Posing for a picture on the Manson Breezeway before heading to the Sweet Briar Celebration, Seniors Molly Cameron, Julia Ingelido, and Amanda Acuff are joined by Junior Tiffiny Whitmire.

Susanna Bader

South Hadley, Massachusetts
Major: Economics with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Amnesty International, Sweet Briar News.

"A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you." I've made so many friends during the past four years...It went by too fast...I'll always love you all...Clearly we'll have to keep in touch...I'm doing sassy high kicks...Mom, Dad, Nick and Ralph...Thank You for all your love and support.

Katrina Ann Balding

Leesburg, Virginia
Major: Economics with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Riding Council, Club Riding, Varsity Riding, Riding Program Advisory Council, Visitation Committee: Chair, Honors Program, Dean's Scholar, Tau Phi.

I will always remember 3rd/2nd floor Reid, getting kicked out of CA's, Have a nice day, Early mornings at the barn, Late nights in the library, ER trips, The Pooh clan, Yes, KT, I'm really engaged!! Stress?--Let's go to Vegas! Jr. Banquet--Good Girl/Bad Girl Heaven, You think I'm Cassie?--it's not like we spend time together? Howlin' and all our other good times! Mom, Dad and my whole family--Thank you! Fella--always my boy. Kevin--I love you and I will love you all of my life. September 6 can't get here quick enough! "perfect horses and perfect riders are not made, they are a gift from heaven!" -Littaver.

Ann Barrett

Rochester, Minnesota
Major: Economics with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Riding Council, Paints-N-Patches, Softball, Phi Alpha Delta, Resident Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Riding Advisory Committee.

Grin 'n Barrett!! Cape, Sass, B, Bader, Amy--thanks for four great years. I love you guys! Mom, Dad, Susan and John--thanks for always being there. Ben--to things worth waiting for...y'all are the best...

Leighton Elizabeth Barrett

Jackson, Mississippi
Major: Sociology

Activities: Soccer, Earphones, Tau Theta Chi, Softball.

Fire extinguishers are NOT toys!! To all my wonderful friends--Maiar, KT, Chatty, Nic, Listerstein, Abbie and Court...we never missed a party! Junebug, Chelle, Ash, and Erin--Keep our tradition goin'. Thank you Susan Margaret for showing me this wonderful place! Momma and Daddy, thanks for making it possible! I love ya'll! "Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before we meet again. And meeting again after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends." You can always retake a class, but you can never RE-LIVE a party!

Natalie Kent Beidler

Amherst, Virginia
Major: Psychology with an Elementary Education Certificate

Activities: S.G.A. Day Student Representative, Big Sister, Senior Committee.

"Some people touch our lives only briefly...while others leave a lasting impression and are never forgotten." Mom and Dad, Thanks for making Sweet Briar possible. Kerri, Thanks for looking out for me. (I'll never forget the trip to U. of Maryland)! Laurs, it's been great spending time with you and Ellie! Ahh Martha, out to save the world. Lindsy, thanks for your support. Catherine, Good luck with Ben! Heather, Thanks for keeping me awake in class. Thanks for the memories!

Heather Benhard

Newport Beach, California
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry

Activities: Freshman Honors, Dean's Scholar, Tau Phi, Riding, Volunteer EMT, Peer Tutor, Biology T.A.

"...that any school [of thought] which attacks the more established truths and by clever slander ridicules the valid arguments of reason confirms, rather than weakens, the truth itself, which like embers, is fanned to life, rather than extinguished by stirring. These considerations have motivated me in my determination to bring to men's attention the opinions of all schools..., for it seems to me that by the confrontation of many schools and the discussion of many philosophical systems that "efflugence of truth" of which Plato writes, might illuminate our minds more clearly, like the sun rising from the sea." -Pico

Christina Ann Benson

Newtown, Connecticut
Major: International Affairs

Activities: Junior Year Abroad in England, Tau Theta Chi, NOW, Nations United, Sweep, Club Riding, Saturday Enrichment Program, Fund for American Studies, Georgetown University

Thanks to my two favorite fans - Mom and Dad. I love you! Ghetto, Miami, facepaint, Last of the Mohicans, Club Bud, Harry's, inter-railing, puddles 21, my tooth, stutter, phone wall hole, garlic OiOi Sunny Siders. TBV I love you! No matter what, where, or how I'll be there.

Seniors bid their farewells to Sweet Briar at Spring Step Singing. They created a new tradition by singing a medley of their class' Step Singing hits.

Sarah Longworth Betz

Centreville, Virginia
Major: English with a Secondary Education Certification

Activities: Tau Phi, SVHB, Yearbook Editor-in-Chief, Who's Who, Dean of Student Affairs Search Committee, Food Service Committee, Chairwoman of Publications, SGA Vice-President

"It's better to have a rich soul than to be rich." - Olga Korbut
"In youth we learn; in age we understand." - M. Von Ebner - Eschenbach
"Groan and forget it." - J. West

Kathryn Royal Black

Clinton, North Carolina
Major: Sociology with a Teaching Certificate

Activities: Bum Chum, Earphone, TTC: President

"Everything happens for a reason," "If KT and Kathryn can do it..." Thanks to all my friends for making these 4 years exciting and special. Thanks Mama and Daddy for giving me the opportunity to experience life and grow from my mistakes. And Allen, thanks for the fairy tale - We made it!

Lucretia Bock

New Braunfels, Texas
Major: International Affairs with a Business Management Certificate

1st--J-term, Cory--you killed Christy, btw sty--you are my best friend, Whiz kids on rollerskates, why is there a detective at my door? ice storm, 2nd--MEXICO, why trucks? NAVY BOYS, HUH?, good thing I met ML, AYW, Snowflake, DC summer--cool, 3rd--JYS, Christmas in the Alps, thanks SRC, JB, drink 4 clothes, TX summer, best ever, YAE, 4th--BLAST, SEM, Boathouse Party rocked! Tekillya, Thanks Stacy, Lucinda, Serena, Tara, Christy, hall, MY FAMILY-- I love you!

At the opening of the Senior Art Show, Katrina Balding, Katie Seder, and Annette Dusenbury celebrate Melanie Chriscoe's success.

Courtney Irene Burt

Indianapolis, Indiana
Major: Psychology
Minor: Anthropology

Activities: Bum Chums, Tau Theta Chi, Lacrosse, SAB, Dean's List

Thanks to Mom, Dad, Brooke, Robert, and all of my friends. I couldn't have done it without all of your love and support. I love you!

Jill Ellis Butcher

Hardwick Township, NJ
Major: Psychology and Government

Activities: Circle K, College Republicans, Saturday Enrichment Program, Alpha Lambda Delta, Psi Chi, Tau Phi, Academic Affairs Committee

Elmo and Roo - friends forever... collecting bugs...dollar movies... midnight drive to Kinko's...Joseph the Magician...our great Prothro group...RI mansions...fantastic DC semester... Thanks Mom, Dad, and Sarah for your continuing love and support.

Molly Cameron

Cincinnatti, Ohio
Major: Anthropology
Minor: German

Activities: Bum Chums, Tau Theta Chi, Earphones, Student Athlete Mentor, Varsity Sports Council, Sweet Briar News, Soccer, Lacrosse

Celebrate we will because life is short but sweet for certain, we're climbing two by two to be sure these days continue, these things we cannot change, -DMB

Amy Leigh Campbell

Madison Heights, Virginia
Major: Biolgy & Government
Minor: Chemistry

Activities: Freshmen Leadership Program, Tau Phi: Treasurer, Senior Class Secretary, Senior Steering Committee, Volunteer Rescue Squad, Residence Life Staff

To EMR and RJB, may TKSC live forever! To GMH, my best friend and confidante, my BS & BA will never compare to your Ph.D in life. To PEK, I love you with all my heart, you made my best memories possible. To my grandparents, Mom, Dad, and Troy, thank you for all your love and support. I hope I've made you proud.

At the Christmas tree lighting, Kerri Rawlings and Jen Lister belt out the holiday tunes. This celebration takes place in the Quad each year.

Melanie Lee Chriscoe

Welcome, NC
Major: Studio Art
Minor: Biology

Activities: Academic Affairs Committee, Chapel Committee: Chairwoman, Tau Phi, Habitat for Humanity, Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, RPAC, Soccer, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program, Dean's List

Getting thrown out of Cattle Annie's, dead man under the tree freshman year, VMI Bible Study, rolling down the dell, sledding, hot toddies, Pooh readings & Ruby, VMI graduation, White Sulphur Springs, MAD Society, "bite me", New Year's Eve in England with Suzie, firing the cannon, Nashville.

"Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart." - Psalms 37:4

Catherine Lang Clarkson

Richland, South Carolina
Major: Mathematics and Computer Science

Activities: Interclub Chair, SGA Executive Committee, Riding Council, Earphones, Judicial Committee, College Web Committee, Riding Program Advisory Committee, IHSA Team.

Reid 2nd floor, CA's, an "oh #@*!" situation, "Callin' Baton Rouge," keydets, the Texas trip, the "nat'l anthem" of Tennessee, winters from hell!, peach cobbler and Miss America! Jr. Banquet--heaven and hell! Thank You Sweet Briar for the best four years of my life!! I love You!

"Some of its magic, some of its tragic, but I had a good life all the way"
--Jimmy Buffett

Kerry Coleman

Knoxville, Tennessee
Major: Psychology
Minor: Studio Art

Activities: Psi Chi, Amnesty International, Chapel Committee, Alpha Lambda Delta.

"Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got"-Janis Joplin
"You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm."-Colette
"Paris became for me a charmed spot, and whenever I have returned there, I have fallen under a spell, a spell which compels admiration for all its manners and customs and justification of even its follies and sins."-James Weldon Johnson.

Taking congratulations from President Muhlenfeld, Stacey McKimm takes a short walk across the stage and makes her four years at SBC worthwhile. Graduation wrapped up her time at Sweet Briar.

Amy Elizabeth Cook

Sheperdstown, W. Virginia
Major: Psychology with and Elementary Education Certificate

Activities: Big Sister program, Habitat for Humanity, Unity, Psychology Club, Gallery Docent, Volunteer Tutor, and Steering Committee for Senior Gift.

"Think what a better world it would be if we all had cookies and milk about 3:00 and then lay down for a nap everyday. And it is still true, when we go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together." -Fulghum.

Christen Ann Cummings

Virginia Beach, Virginia
Major: Psychology with an Education Certificate

Activities: Field Hockey, Swimming, Lacrosse, S.A.M., QV, Presidential Varsity Sports Advisory Committee, Big Sister/Little Sister, Tutor at Amherst Elementary.

I have had four great years here with lots of memories that I will never forget! I thank all of my friends and sister for being there thru it all. Ya'll have taught me so much about life and how to live it to the fullest. Best of luck in the future, never lose touch!

Heather Lyn Cushman

Forest, Virginia
Major: International Affairs

Activities: College Republicans, Sweet Briar News, Nations United.

Elisabeth Suzanne Drendall

Morristown, New Jersey
Major: Psychology

Activities: Intercollegiate Riding, Swimming, Athletic Training.

Sparky...Run with the Big Dog...wanna go move my truck?...Blizzard of '96, living in the Artic one week...Barbados the next...codine...can my roll play with your roll?...Buh bye Guion!... AARROOOO!...Cattle Annies...Jr. Banquet...Snetty, Katie, Cassie, Katrina...Pooh Bear...Keith...Because you loved me...Playing with rats...What do you mean you don't have Killians?...Moo Cow...thanks to Mom, Grandma and Grandpa, friends, and professors.
"And it is still true, no matter how old you are--when you go out into the world it is best to hold hands and stick together." -Robert Fulghum.

Seniors take to the Golden Stairs for the last time during Lantern Bearing.

Elizabeth Forbes DuCharme

Grosse Pointe, Michigan
Major: Psychology with an Education Certificate

Activities: Field Hockey, Student Athletic Mentor, Chung Mungs, Judicial Committe Chairwoman, College Republicans, TTC.

"Friendship is like a flame--at first it flickers and then--grows strong." -RPC
"That best portion of a good man's life, ...His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."
-Wordsworth
"Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did." -H. Jackson Brown.

Annette Caroline Dusenbury

Falls Church, Virginia
Major: Biology
Minor: Math

Activities: Dean's Scholar, Riding Council, Alpha Lamda Delta, Intercollegiate Riding, Basketball, Softball, Intervarsity, Amherst Rescue Squad.

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."
-Hebrews 11:1
Reid Rebels Rock...Pastry, my goddess... the Quad in the projects...Guion should be a dorm...me, stressed?? Snetty... Snot?...roadtrips...VMI, thanks for the memories...Rt. 60, who's driving?... "Callin Baton Rouge"...Cattle Annie's... FINALLY turning 21...don't be a dork...surviving the Blizzards of '94 and '96!...It's 2 am, time to go to the Waffle House...Bonding...Sixteen candles...to all my friend, thanks for four wonderful years, I love you all!...Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Nick for all the love and support, and teaching me that faith can move mountains, but doubt can create them.

Amy Cathleen Earehart

Martinsburg, West Virginia
Major: Psychology
Minor: Sociology

Activities: Chung Mungs, Psi Chi.

Thank you Mom and Dad for giving me the best four years of my life. Thank you for your constant love, support and guidance. You've always been there for me--holding my hand when I wanted to walk alone and carrying me when I couldn't walk at all. I owe you more than words can express. I love you both so much.

Amy Everett

Breckenridge, Texas
Major: Economics with Business Management Certificate

Activities: Volleyball, Jr. Year Abroad, Academic Affairs Committee, Varsity Sports Council.

"Though nothing can bring back the hour of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower; We will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind."
-William Wordsworth

Celebrating the Founders

"Sweet Briar allows you to come here, to kick up your heels, let your hair down, be little naughty, and have lots of fun," Alice Carrie Farmer Brown said during her speech at Founders' Day. This remark was followed by hundreds of young women screaming in agreement.

Part of the fun Sweet Briar allows its students to have is found in its traditions. One of the oldest traditions is Founders' Day. Although attendance is not required, quite a few students made an appearance. "I went because I'm a sophomore. I wanted to see what I'd missed last year and mainly because there's a new President," Sharon Wilson, '99.

The ceremony was held on Thursday, October 3. It began in the chapel, with a welcome by Margaret Jenkins, President of the Class of 1997. Also important to the ceremony was the giving and receiving of flowers to place on Monument Hill.

A bagpiper led the procession of students and guests to Babcock. The Class of 1999 led and escorted the Class of 1997, who wore their formal robes for the first time.

In Babcock, Katie Gumerson welcomed Ethel Ogden Burwell who introduced the 1996 recipient of the Outstanding Alumnae Award, Alice Carrie Farmer Brown. She kept the students entertained with a story about a past President whose underwear had mysteriously come up missing. She was the culprit.

After Alice Brown's speech, President Muhlenfeld, in her first Sweet Briar Founders' Day, gave a speech entitled "Educating Daisy" and talked about women's education in the ninteenth century.

"I thought Dr. Muhlenfeld's speech was particularly relevant and offered good insight. The alum was hillarious," said Jen Wagner, '97.

Traditions play a large part in life at Sweet Briar and Founders' Day is one that is looked forwad to every fall. It is a time to remember who made Sweet Briar's existence possible.

After the Founder's Day Ceremony, seniors Sophie Simonard, Angela Williams, and Lisa Tedder take time to capture the moment.

Before entering the Chapel, Christy Benson and Marion Johnson stop to show off their new robes and matching sashes from their year in Scotland.

Thea Alyssa Galenes

San Antonio, Texas
Major: English and Creative Writing

Activities: Red Clay: Editor, Tau Phi, OGL/WOW leader, WOW Chairwoman, Sue Reid Slaughter Committee, Publications Board, Social Activities Board.

And how can you not forgive?/You make a feast in honor of what/was lost; and take from its place the finest/ garment which you saved for an occasion/you could not imagine, and you weep night and day/to know that you were not abandoned,/that happiness saved its most extreme form/for you alone. -Jane Kenyon, "Happiness"

It's time for a beer at the Bistro for Courtney Totushek and Alicia King. These study breaks become more frequent as the year progresses.

Stephanie Garcia

Corpus Christi, Texas
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Minor: Mathematics

Activities: Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Lambda Delta, American Chemical Society, Spanish Club, Circle K.

"There are a hundred trillion synapses in a human brain; the number of possible ways of connecting them is greater than the number of atoms in the universe. A higher level of organization and a greater richness of experience occurs in a human being than in a thousand lifeless galaxies."
-Ian Barbour, *Religion in an Age of Science*

Jill Gavitt

Exeter, Rhode Island
Major: Spanish with an Elementary Education Certificate
Minor: Dance Performance

Activities: Dance Concerts, Taps-N-Toes: Vice President, Spanish Club, ARC Angel, Junior Year Abroad, Saturday Enrichment Program, Alpha Lambda Delta, Volleyball.

Elmo and Roo...the mouse in Babcock kitchen...twist ties..."celestial"...ER in Randolph parlor...running down the hill with Ellie...Bottoms Up!...Pooky, Pumba, and Spiderwoman.

Jessica Grass

Belfast, Maine
Major: Government
Minor: History

Activities: Library Supervisor, Phi Alpha Delta

To those who listened to me in the middle of the night...Thanks. To those who kept me up with all manner of crises...think nothing of it.

Katie Gumerson

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Major: Government
Minor: Art History

Activities: SGA President, SGA Secretary, College Republicans Vice Chair, Chumg Mung society

"This is the true joy in life- that being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. That being a force of nature, instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die. For the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It's a splendid torch which I've got to hold up for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

-George Bernard Shaw

Renee Gunn

Metarie, Louisiana
Major: Biology
Minor: Music

Activities: Student Music Council: President, Paint and Patches, Alpha Lambda Delta, Taps and Toes, Softball

Terrible...Terrible...Opera Workshop ...First sledding experience...hardware store...counting into the wee hours ...Guionites...Techies rule...I'll miss y'all ...Thanks for the fun...I love you guys ...Mom...Dad...Thanks...I love you.

Alison Hall

Dothan, Alabama
Major: Govenment with a Public Administration Certificate
Minor: Art History

Activites: SVHB Chairwoman, SGA Executive Committee, Tau Phi: President, Phi Alpha Delta: Secretary, SWEEP: Secretary, SBC Tour Guide, Young Democrats, Earphones, Lecture Committee, Basketball, Who's Who 1997

"Far away, there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow where they lead." -Louisa May Alcott. Thank you Dad, Mom, Grandmother, and Gemma for all your support. I love you very much! Thanks Kerri for all the memories and being the best roommate! To Melanie, Suzanne, Jess, Bean, Cassie, Katie, Annette, Sarah, S.K., and Annie Juan - I love y'all and good luck in the "real" world.

Kathryn Traylor Hall

Midlothian, Virginia
Major: Psychology
Minor: Spanish

Activities: Aints'-n-Asses, Earphones, Social Activities Board Chairwoman, Psychology Club: President, Executive Committee, OGL/WOW leader, and campus school employee

"The friends you make at college are the ones that last forever." To: Girl, Hen, Mel, Catherine, Katy, Myra, Annie Juan, and all the rest, Thanks for all the great times. To my three best friends, Mom, Dad, and Ben, thanks for giving me the best years of my life...I love you!

Mary Leticia Harbour

Alexandria, Virginia
Major: Economics and Computer Science with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Junior Year Abroad, Swimming, Fencing, Admissions Tour Guide, Resident Assistant, SVHB, Dean's List, Fall Weekend Committee, College Republicans, Freshman Leadership Program, Circle K, Phi Alpha Delta.

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people. (Victor Borge) She has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much. (Mrs. A.J.Stanley) Self-trust is the first secret of success. (Emerson) Live today as if you're going to die tomorrow. (unknown) ...To the frienships, I will always treasure (here, long distance, and overseas); Memories made, never to be forgotten; and most importantly, to the support and love of my family.

Susan Caperton Healey

Bethesda, Maryland
Major: Government with a Public Administration Certificate

Activities: Riding, Lacrosse

Fourth floor Glass...Debby...Dew sophomore year...men are scum... Wintergreen...Coors Light...Putchadu ...Helium...DQ...Frosty and Fries...My Humpy Bear, I love you!...Junior Banquet...Big Apple at night...KH, LA, KD, CL...To Bhavi, Ann, Sara, Amy, and Sue, I love you all! Thanks Dad, Mom, and Jace - It's Been the Best!

Jessica Hively

Roseville, Minnesota
Major: American Studies

Activities: Tau Phi, Earphones, SVHB, Dean's Scholar, Washington Siesta Program, OGL/WOW, ARC angel, Senior Class Steering Commitee

I was going to start the procrastination tap club, but I never got around to it...the keys to American history - Little House and Industrialization ..."Tomorrow is another day"..."shot through the heart"...Reid third floor ('93-'94) and Reid second floor ('94-'95)...rodeo guys..."And all this could be just a dream so it seems; I was never much good at goodbye"-Night Ranger..."Through the years and miles between us, it's been a long and lonely ride, but if I got a call in the dead of the night, I'd be right by your side"-Bon Jovi...Thanks to Mom & Dad, Mitch & Kris, and all of my friends - I would never have made it without you!

Elizabeth Lanier Hunter

Birmingham, Alabama
Major: English
Minor: History

Activities: Class Vice President, First Year Honors, Dean's List, QV, Alpha Lambda Delta: Secretary, Junior Banquet Chair, Who's Who, TTC: Vice President, Collge Republicans, Director of Residence Life Search Committee, Pannell Scholar, Virginia E. Ranney Memorial Scholar, Alumna Daughter Scholar, Phi Alpha Delta, Student ambassador

"I get by with a little help from my friends" -John Lennon

Michelle Janiak

Altavista, Virginia
Major: Biology
Minor: Psychology

Activities: Riding Council

Margaret Hewell Jenkins

Winston-Salem, N. Carolina
Major: History

Activities: Dean's Scholar, Class President, QV, Rickards Scholarship, Earphones, Visitation Committee, VA Program at Oxford, Who's Who 1996 and 1997, Steering Committee.

"For a long time, she flew only when she thought no one else was watching." -Brian Andreas... "In the midst of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." -Camus... "We are not living in eternity...we have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand and melting like a snowflake." -MB... "KUMBAYAH" - Meredith Williams...Thanks Johnny and Anita, the Bushes, PKT, Patsy, Katherine, and Chaplain Lehman...and everyone who filled these years with love, laughter, and friendship. Shine on.

Marion Johnson

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Major: Latin and International Affairs

Activities: ARC, Amnesty International, Unity, Saturday Enrichment Program, AKA, Swebop, Collegium, Phi Alpha Delta

To those before me - HS, MM, JR, SU, AL, MC, CV, MW, KC, NK, MG, SC, HE, AW, HB - I follow. Those behind me - SB, AS, AW, JY, BV - best of luck. MW, CD, CC, SL, LJ, SH, MH, JEG, JB. To: TK, JM, MU, AS, NA, CL, AM, KC, CB, KJ we are all in it together. Mom, Dad, Chris, Family, I love you!

Katherine Johnston

Jefferson City, Missouri
Major: International Affairs
Minor: French

Activities: Circle K International, Taps-n-Toes, Academic Affairs Committee, Saturday Enrichment Program, Alpha Lambda Delta

Road trips and bug collecting...celestial beach girls and dancing in your underwear...DQ, Laurie, Gilbert, and Leo...DC and video stores?!...Elmo and Roo...

Cristy Carmen María Jordán

Fort Wayne, Indiana
Major: Spanish and Sociology

Activities: Volleyball, Swimming, Aints-n-Asses, QV, The Bistro, Exec, Varsity Sports Council, SAM

Calabrese and Reynolds boy and sex talks, Spring Break '97, roller skating in Meta Glass with rollers in hair alongside my crazy roommate, Mice Bites, Sybil at 8am, caught in the elevator, THE CHASE, The Ice Storm, My first wax, Thanx to: My parents, Jason, Punkin, Buck, Gabe, Billy D., Patterson, Chaplain.

Nicole Kelleher

Richmond, Virginia
Major: Biology and Spanish

Activities: Chamber Orchestra: Violin, Instrumental Ensemble, Swimming, DWT, Tau Theta Chi, Chung Mungs: Co-President, Emergency Medical Technician at Amherst Resque Squad, Spanish Club, Mentor at Child Abuse Clinic, Biology Lab Teaching Assistant, Orientation Leader, Tutor at Amherst High School, Sigma Delta Pi.

To my dearest parents, Johana, Frankie, Jay, and all my true friends at Sweet Briar, I will always treasure our friendship - "We've grown together, done a lot together, and whether it's across the miles or just a short distance, you are and always will be a part of my life and me." Thank you for everything! I love you and will truly miss you!

Tanya Renée Ketchum

Mount Pleasant, S. Carolina
Major: International Relations
Minor: Spanish

Activities: Spanish Club: Treasurer and President, Junior Year abroad, Saturday Enrichment Program, Spoleto Festival USA, French Club, International Club

Do you ever get this feeling in your head like a wave is coming over you . . . eeerrreeerrr. Poochie Buns

Alicia King

Wayland, Ohio
Major: International Affairs and Modern Languages

Activities: Paint and Patches, Fencing, SBC Radio, SBC NOW, ARC Angel, R.A., Alternatives

To my family: Thank you for believing in me. To ALB, BRS, YB, ATS: I couldn't have done it all without you. Thank You. To everyone who has sat in the denim throne; who has contributed to/learned from the Wall; who has contributed to any of my bad habits . . . To Pasty Sistas, my Umas, the knights of the Holy Flail . . . To anyone of the Presence, or anyone who knew Mortimer . . . To all of my friends, distant or dear: Thank you for the memories.

Courtney-Brooke Lammers

Weymouth, Massachusetts
Major: Environmental Studies
Minor: Biology

Activities: Field Hockey, QV, Aints and Asses, Tau Theta Chi: Treasurer

To my best friends-Abbie, KTpie, Kate, Maia, Leighton, Jen & Christen, "For all the good times, for all the sad times, laugh times, silly sentimental times, I celebrated you my Friends." Anon. Brendan, Thank you for being my best friend! I am the proudest sister. Keep up the good work at Hampden-Sydney! Ashley, It makes me so happy to share this wonderful place with you! Good Luck! Mom & Dad, Thank you for always affording me EVERY opportunity, I love you.

Ronda Jane Lehenbauer

Waukomis, Oklahoma
Major: Spanish and Religion

Activities: Spanish Club, Basketball, Junior Year Abroad

All my love and appreciation to my family and friends. I would not have made it without your support. Saying is not blowing breath, saying says something; the only trouble is that what it says is never fixed.

Jennifer Mara Lister

Laurel Hollow, New York
Major: Sociology

Activities: Tennis, Chung Mungs, Tau Theta Chi, Aints and Asses: Treasurer

To all my friends (you know who you are.) Thank you for the best four years ever! I will never forget the fun and stupid things we have done. And for those who were there never forget Grammer 1st floor. I love you all!! "As long as you're in my heart we'll never say good-bye." To my family - I did it! Thank you for all your support. I love you.

Connor Louis

Miami, Florida
Major: Government
Minor: History

Sporting her "Hollins...Because not everyone can go to Sweet Briar" shirt, Kara Vlasaty serves tea at the field hockey and soccer games against Hollins. Chaplain's teas at sporting events have become a Sweet Briar tradition.

Tyler Louthan

Centerville, Ohio
Major: Spanish

Activities: Riding , Riding Council, Spanish Club: Vice President

The riding program has been the highlight. I'd like to thank Katrina Balding, Stephanie Pappanikou, Paul Cronin and everyone who rides or helps. You have been awesome!

Margaret Ann Gadsden MacDonald

Clifton, Virginia
Major: Anthropology
Minor: Spanish

Activities: Alpha Lambda Delta, Sigma Delta Pi, Dean's Scholar, Manson Scholar, SGA, Academic Affairs Committee Chairwoman, Chung Mungs Co-President, Aints-n-Asses: Co-President, TTC: Vice President, SWEEP: President, Class Secretary, UNITY, NOW

To my loving parents - without your undying support and strength, I would not have these beautiful Sweet Briar years to remember and cherish for all my days. Here's to 4th floor Glass . . . W & L every night, the Adventure Possie, ANNIE JUAN/GIRL FROM ANTIGUA, 2nd floor Reid, the original GREEN PEOPLE, to Kate Hall for helping me deal with (L.H.) EVERYTHING, to Becky Moats, the biggest ASS of 'em all! junior banquet, my classmates, and our futures.

Autumn Lorraine Mather

Woodstock, Illinois
Major: English Literature
Minor: Art History

Activities: Junior Year Abroad, Chapel Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Tour Guide, ARC Angel, Habitat for Humanity, Sweet Briar News, Tau Phi.

"Nothing is ever so wrong in this world that a sensible woman can't set it right in the course of an afternoon."
-Giradoux
"Think where man's glory most begins and ends, And say my glory was I had such friends." - W.B. Yeats

Katherine Morrison McCartney

Charlottesville, Virginia
Major: Sociology

Activities: Field Hockey, Lacrosse, QV, Earphones, Aints and Asses

Our dreams, laughter, fears, tears, late nights, long talks, big hugs, warm thoughts, hard work and lots of play. Have brought us all to where we are today. Thank you, my friends, you will always be near. I love you and I will miss you at the closing of this final year.-KMM. (Margaret, Court, Maia, Jen, Christen, Kathryn, Leighton, Kate, Annie Mac, Abbie, Michelle, Rachel, Landis, Baker, Wayne, and Craig) "We finally got a piece of the pie!!" - The Jeffersons

Candle Light Parade

On May 7, 1997 at dusk, seniors and their chosen lantern bearers entered the Quad. Soon, it was flooded with candle light. The symbolic end to a senior's time at Sweet Briar, lantern bearing is the last time they wear their robes before graduation.

Underclasswomen who are asked to participate present a basket of flowers with a candle in it to their senior. All baskets are very different. This year, there were tiki torches decorated with daisies and a birdcage filled with fresh flowers.

Departing from Benedict, seniors and underclasswomen walk around the Quad three times while holding the basket. Then, they cross the Quad and lantern bearers line the walk to the Senior Stairs where they sing to the departing class, who are seated on the Golden Stairs. Afterwords, there is plenty of time for photos and tears as underclasswomen wish the soon-to-be alumnae the best of luck in the years that follow. Then, the baskets are given to the seniors to place in their rooms until graduation.

Headed to the Senior Stairs for their serenade, Thea Galenes, Jessica Grass, and Amy Yakubinis walk through the huge line of lanterns.

Getting ready for their walk around the Quad, Lillie Voght and Ticia Harbour wait for directions.

Kristen McCowan

Lexington, Kentucky
Major: Government

Activities: Swimming, Alpha Lambda Delta, Orientation/WOW leader, Tau Theta Chi

"Some people come into our lives and quickly leave. Others come into our lives and leave footprints on our hearts - and we are never, ever the same." - anonymous

Stacy McKimm

Memphis, Tennessee
Major: Psychology with an Education Certificate

Activities: Social Activities Board: Chairwoman of Publicity, Soccer, Option 4 Committee, Habitat for Humanity, Food Service Committee

"They are only a fire hazard when they blink," Meier Punch, CWT; "Ello, I would like to buy a license for my pet fish," Parrothead; "Once in a while it really hits people that they don't have to experience life in the way that they have been told to do it," Pebble Beach.

Mary Jill Meadows

Huntington, West Virginia
Major: Dance

Activities: Taps n Toes: President,Vice President, Alpha Lamdba Delta, Spanish Club: Secretary, Saturday Enrichment Program, Phonathon, Honors Program, NOW

Now, dearest comrade, lift me to your face, We must separate awhile - Here! take from my lips this kiss; Whoever you are, I give it especially to you; *So long!* And I hope we shall meet again
—Walt Whitman

Watching the Asses do their thing, Annette Dusenbury, Alison Hall, Lisa DuCharme and fellow seniors wondered who would be the object of the next skit in the Ass Show. The Ass Show moved to the EB room this year to avoid more complaints about holding it in a public place.

Gail Mesdag

Juneau, Alaska
Major: Spanish

Activities: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Concert Choir, RA, Circle K, Softball, Chamber Choir, Spanish Club

Ice skating over J-Term, Cattle-Annie's, Spring Break in Daytona, OCF, Blue Ridge Parkway Drive, 2 semesters in Seville, Midnight jogs, Wayne's World and The Giant Peach, Romans 8:28 and Psalm 37:4

Virginia Robson Miller

Canton, Connecticut
Major: Psychology with an Education Certificate

Activities: Chung Mungs, Tour Guide, Swimming

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

Rebecca Moats

Midland, Virginia
Major: Classical Studies
Minor: Women and Gender Studies

Activities: Who's Who, Eta Sigma Phi, Phi Alpha Delta: President, Collegium: President, Aint's and Asses: Most Illustrious, Tau Theta Chi, Academic Affairs Committee, Committee on Instruction, Riding, Varsity Sports Council, Riding Council

Thank you Mom, Dad, and Beth for the best four years of my life. Grandma and Grandpa - you made my dreams come true. Christy, Vaiana, Tasha and Ann - I love you guys! Dress Warm!

Suiting up for Founders' Day, Ronda Lehenbaur and Sophia Kassim get ready to process to the activities. Founders' Day is the first time seniors are permitted to don their robes.

Christina Loie Muir

Romeo, Michigan
Major: French with Concentrations in Economics and International Relations

Activities: Academic Affairs Committee, Choir, French Club, JYF, DPS, Softball, Bridge Club, Rotary Club and Interns

May I never be cured of my curiosity. "My heart is in the highlands"-Burns "Never miss a minute."-Dad "For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them." -Aristotle Much love to my inspiring parents and hugs and kisses to Pooh Bear, Eyore.

Susanne Nifong

Winston-Salem, N. Carolina
Major: History

Activities: Riding Council, Earphones, Academic Affairs Committee

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (II Timothy 4:7). Mel-w/o you it would have been over day one. Thanks Kerri, for my button and for giving me your angel. I love you Mama & Daddy- I'll make you proud, it just might take longer than I first thought.

Catherine Ann Osuna

Alexandria, Virginia
Major: Psychology with a Certificate in Education

Activities: Paints and Patches, Earphones, Psychology Club: Vice President, Social Activities Board: Production Chairwoman

To K.H., C.T,. and my forever roommate, my thanks for putting up with me. I love you guys, keep in touch. To my friends at home DCK, Shell, Jen, Brooks, SM & AM- Thanks for good times and Meow! To my entire family, especially Mom and Dad, thanks for helping me make good choices and helping me through rough times.

Bearing a lantern is a special treat. Senior Landis Addison looks over the basket given to her by Isabel Jean-Pierre while Melanie Vracas converses with Candince McMillan, her lantern bearer.

Stephanie Pappanikou

Weston, Massachussetts
Major: Economics with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Freshman Leadership Program, Riding Program Advisory Committe, Riding Council, Teaching Assistant, Club Riding: Captain, Sweet Tones: Secretary, Treasurer, President, Bum Chums: Treasurer, Riding Center: Tour Guide

"Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily this is not difficult." - C. Whitton. Ya see, I had told . . . RA 04 IL Y'all! "Thas my dog" FRIDAY. UVA trips. ILY Dr Chris:) Staying at SBC was the best decision I made! Thanks to all my friends! Thank you Mom & Dad for Sweet Briar. ILY!!

Janine Paris-Mesanko

Sweet Briar, Virginia
Major: English
Minor: Art History

Activities: R.A.

A man becomes aware of his life's flow, And hears its winding murmur; and he sees The meadows where it glides, the sun, the breeze. -Matthew Arnold

Allison Elizabeth Parry

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Major: History

-OUT OF THE NIGHT THAT COVERS ME, Black as the Pit from pore to pore. I thank whatever God may be for my unconquerable soul. Under the bludgeoning's of chane, My head is bloody, but unbowed. I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul. W.E. Henley
- "If me advances confidently in the direction of their dreams, and endeavors to lead life which they have imagined, they will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." -Henry David Thoreau
-Mom & Dad, thanks for the best seven years of my life, all of your love and support. Ray, thank you for being there, always and forever. I love y'all!

Bhavi Neera Patel

Morristown, New Jersey
Major: History

Activities: Steering Committee, Amnesty International, Amherst Tutoring, Habitat for Humanity, Tour Guide, Overnight Hostess

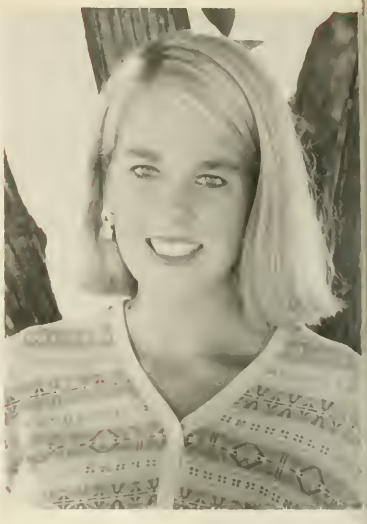
4th Floor Glass; Debs; Drunken Indian jibber jabber; Chi Psi; Putchadu; Sam; BP that's me, thank U very much! Big Apple at Night; 21st B'day; Pooh Bear & Elmo. SS, CH, AB, SB, AY-Thanx for all the memories! To my family- thank you for all of your love and support without which I would not be who I am today!

Maia Jane Elizabeth Pearson

Charlottesville, Virginia
Major: Art History with an Arts Management Certificate

Activities: QV, Aint's and Asses, Pannell Gallery Docent

Trivial Pursuit, late night wine drinking, Grammer Girls, Little Fools!, um . . spitballs! Debt, Jeopardy, ATLANTA! Thanks to all my friends . . . I couldn't have made it without y'all!



Lucinda Lynn Polley

Nashville, Tennessse
Major: Mathematics with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Fall Formal Chairwoman, QV, Alpha Lambda Delta (Treasurer), SAB, SGA Treasurer, Pannell Scholar, Presidential Search Committee, Dean's List, Who's Who, Habitat for Humanity, Briar Patch, First Year Honors, Phonathon, Overnight Hostess, Phi Alpha Delta

"Here's to the men we love, . . ." Jr. Banquet-Jumanji Drops- Phi Psi, PiKA, KA, W&L - 4th passage Cushing-TRAMATIZED!-RANDOM! Wed. nights-Beta Girls-Fall Formal-Suzy SBC-FD's- Great friends, good times and beer! Thanks Mom, Dad & Whit for the memories ILY!
"Stick to the fight when you're hardest hit-It's when things go wrong that you must not quit."

Laura Powell

Highlands Ranch, Colorado
Major: Psychology

Dell parties, Ellie in the dining hall, Ellie studying Italian. Great friends & memories. "Change is good." Most favorite quotation- "What are you doing after graduation?"

Kerri Rawlings

Hagerstown, Maryland
Major: American Studies with a Business Management Certificate
Minor: History

Activities: Earphone, SGA Executive Committee, Orientation Chairwoman, Junior YearAbroad, SWEEP, Taps-N-Toes, Tour Guide, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Chapel Committee

"The place where two friends first met is sacred to them all through their friendship, all the more sacred as their friendship deepens and grows old." SBC is that sacred place and the friends I have made are wonderful . . . my roommate Alison- thanks for loving me unconditionally . . . Mel, Susanne and the gang - I will miss you all! Remember Cattle Annie's, trips to Lex and VMI! Ames-oh the trouble we have found (like the bar fight at the Palms!) SK- our cruise ship is waiting. Only one more year to go . . . To Grandma, Dave and Gary- thank you for your love and support. Mom - I would have never made it without you. Thank you for allowing me to follow my dreams - I LOVE YOU!

Lindemann Margaret Rollenhagen

Summit, New Jersey
Major: History

Activities: Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Bum Chums, Varsity Sports Council, SAM, Heart Light Chairwoman

To my friends: I love you all for making these four years the happiest! To my family: I did it! Mom & Dad: Thanks for everything! Von, Kris, Liz, & Alex: I am extremely blessed to have you for brothers & sisters-in-law! Thanks for making this possible! Emmy: We still haven't grown up <u>but</u> we are growing up- thanks for being such a great sister! To the littlest Rollos: May you one day know how special you are! I love you all very much!! Thank you SBC!!

Reneca Rose

Amherst, Virginia
Major: Economics with a Business Management Certificate
Minor: Dance

Activities: Unity, Taps-N-Toes, Bum Chums, Big Brothers & Big Sisters Program, Peer Mentor for Amherst County Schools

Although I am bamboozled by the secrets of the Universe, and the know-nothingness of a baby . . . But maybe it's just as well, y'know . . . I can be a scary chick. Thanks to my family, friends, and my love.

Ute Köhler Sartin

Amherst, Virginia
Major: Psychology
Minor: Religion

Activities: Turning Point Club, Unity, Psi Chi: Treasurer, *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, Presidential Medalist, Phi Beta Kappa

I am so grateful to SBC for offering me that second chance. I have loved and appreciated every minute. Special thanks to all my SBC friends, especially Virginia Blair '98, Catherine Bost, Anne Grimm, and Karla Faulconer, for cheering me on; to the awesome women of the Class of 1997; to ALL the wonderful professors who give so generously of themselves; to all my colleagues and friends in Development, PR, and all over campus for their never-ending support; and to my faithful friends at Ascension Episcopal Church, who have long accepted this Rector's wife as something quite different...! I love you all. Most of all, thank you Randall and Hastings for waiting patiently all these years for me to finish my degree.

Robin Whitney Sayre

Lafayette, California
Major: Environmental Studies with an emphasis in Biology

Excerpts from 100 Rules for a Successful and Happy Life:
1. Work hard
2. Do your best
15. Floss
41. Don't get drunk- it makes you stupid and you just get sick
60. Don't ever give up your dreams
69. Don't mix plaids and stripes
77. Learn from your mistakes
100. Just do it!

Your dream is the gift of your own soul
But if its promise is to be fulfilled,
You must turn your eyes from the world of men and dare to fly among the stars. -Goody

Sara Elizabeth Schmalz

Morristown, New Jersey
Major: History

Activities: Amnesty International, Spanish Club, Basketball

4th Floor Glass, day room, growing walls, gossiping, last minute papers, 2nd floor Dew, up all night, coffee talks, dollar movies, road trips, Wal-Mart runs, dell parties, walking the dairy, fun J-Terms, laying out in the spring, year in Spain, dancing Sevillanas, living in the libs, stress relief, friends of a lifetime

Alexa Schriempf

Alexandria, Virginia
Major: Philosophy
Minor: Women and Gender Studies

Activities: Soccer: Co-captain, Fencing, SBC NOW: Co-Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, Alpha Lambda Delta, Earphones, Who's Who, Photography

To the fencing team: thank you for waking me up with Campus Police . . flamingoes, snowstorms, faulty blades . . .Russia, Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, France, Spain, Israel, Venezuela - Nessim, I can't find you! I am not feminist; I embrace feminism.

Katherine King Seder

Bozrah, Connecticut
Major: Environmental Studies with a concentration in Biology

Activities: Junior Year Abroad, Riding Council, Circle K, Orientation Group Leader

Genuine friendship is about the closeness of hands, hearts, and souls - Spencer Michael Free, Reid 3rd floor, W& L, Bourbon Night, Budda, Cattle Annie's, Daytona Beach, Guiness Mania, Snogging, sky-diving, caste and crutches, Thank you everyone and Mom and Dad

Rounding the bases, Kerry Thacker looks ahead to the home stretch. She is hoping for a final chance at success on the Sweet Briar softball field.

Tasha Swales

Clarksville, Maryland
Major: Psychology
Minor: Anthropology

Activities: Nations United, SWEEP, Spanish Club, Colleguim, Junior Year Abroad

Thanks to all my friends and family. I love you. Vaiana, Christy, and Becky - you are the best friends in the world.

Jennifer Swisher

Tallahasse, Florida
Major: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Minor: Italian

Activities: Circle K International: Capital District Governor, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Alpha Lambda Delta, Publications Board: Chairwoman

"Life can only be understood by looking backward, but it must be lived by looking forward." "You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

Lisa Christine Tedder

Marietta, Georgia
Major: English
Minor: Spanish

Activities: IVCF, SWEBOP Apprentice Instructor, Fencing, Riding

Save the World - Eat chicken! You are my personal hero. You rock my gypsy soul. The Heavenly Tones. The End of the World. P.R. Hot chocolate at H-SC. OCF Windy Gap! Small group. My sisters and bro's. The Dock. Y.L. D.C. 'Those who look to him are radiant . . .' Ps. 34:5

Letting the Asses know that they are right on target, Lucretia Bock, Margaret Jenkins, and Autumn Mather agree that as long as they are not the target, the Ass show is a ton of fun.

Vaiana Teriitehau

Herndon, Virginia
Major: French and Italian Studies

Activities: Tau Theta Chi, French Club: Vice President, SWEEP: Treasurer, Italian Club, Semester abroad

Mom, Dad, and Tony - Thank you for all your love and support. C, B, T, A - What crazy wonderful times we've had over the years. It's not over yet . . . Prof. Ascari and Prof. Leveau you two have been so helpful. Thank you all for such great memories of SBC!

Kerry Thacker

Culpeper, Virginia
Major: Economics with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Softball, Student Hostess, Amnesty International, Tutor for CALL Program

My fondest memories of Sweet Briar are of the girls who lived on 3rd Floor Glass, our hall Freshmen Year. We were all so crazy and carefree. Life was great. I'll never forget those days or the experiences we would have in the next four years to change our lives forever.

Games Seniors Play

Another great tradition at Sweet Briar is the Ring Game. When a senior becomes engaged to be married, she tells only the class President, who then has a great responsibility. The President gathers together all of the senior class into the Quad and braids a ribbon of green and pink with the ring looped inside. All the seniors gather around the ribbon and have a chance to view the ring up close by touching it as it goes around the circle. The second and third time, they are not allowed to touch it as it brings bad luck the engaged couple. As it gets to the engaged one on the third time, she produces a pair of scissors and cuts the ribbon and puts on the ring. This is the first time her engagement is announced at Sweet Briar College.

There was only one such game this year. The lucky girl was Allison Parry. It was a big surprise to most of her class as she had been able to keep it a secret until the game.

Admiring the ring, seniors Autumn Mather and Kerry Coleman, and Chaplain Lehman are in the dark about the fact that the ring owner, Allison Parry is standing just between them and Jen Swisher!

Heather Terry

Shipman, Virginia
Major: Psychology with a Education Certificate

Activities: Volleyball, Earphones, Psychology Lab Assistant

Just a simple Thank You to the Sweet Briar Community. The time that I spent here was wonderful. To all my friends, Thanks for being so GREAT! Jayme and Heather, Thank you both for being the BEST roommates ever, you made my senior year and Amy you are the "swell" friend!

Cassandra Thomas

Sykesville, Maryland
Major: Biology
Minor: Chemistry

Activities: Founder's Scholar, Dean's List, Alpha Lambda Delta, Tau Phi, Riding Advisory Council, Riding Council, Riding Program: Head Teaching Assistant, Riding, Teaching Assistant: Biology, Peer Tutor

Here's to getting kicked out of CA's, Reid 3rd/2nd Floor, Beaner and flagstone, KT's OH ___! moments, Str. Daqs, Have a nice day, Screamer, ER, ER trips, Snetty on her head, howling at the moon, T-room, Sparky's quiz, Vail, Engaged!?!, The quad, the lost camera, Busy?, Jr. Banquet Bad girls/Good girls, rolls, Katrina or Cassie?, and of course, Jason - thanks for everything!

Courtney Leigh Totushek

Virginia Beach, Virginia
Major: Economics with a Business Management Certificate

Activities: Earphones, Sweet Tones, Concert Choir, SBC Radio, TTC, Riding, Basketball, Softball

Eat Mor Chikin! I had told Craig & them . . .FLUFF! THATS QUACKTASTIC! l.f., l.c.w., s.m.p., thanks for putting up with me. I love ya'll. UVA? Tonight? Deep thoughts, think 'em. To all my awesome friends - You Rock! Thanks for four special years. Special Thanks to Mom & Dad & Chris & Lucy for all your support! ILY! RDH- ILY!

Kara Robidoux Vlasaty

St. Louis, Missouri
Major: Art History with an Arts Management Certificate

Activities: Class Treasurer, Field Hockey, QV, College Republicans, Academic Affairs Committee

"no trumpets sound when the important decisions of life are made. Destiny is made silently." -Agnes de Mille
"Show me a man without vices and I'll show you a man without virtue."
-Abraham Lincoln

Melanie Vracas

Woodbridge, Virginia
Major: Sociology and Government
Minor: Anthropology

Mom & Dad: Although you haven't always known where I'm going or how I'm getting there thanx for supporting me! "Friends become our chosen families" So here's to mine! KT and Catherine: 1/a know your AKAs! What better way to begin & end SBC? Crispy: Hey-ho to PR! CM: For teaching me the finer points of life. Tee: Thanx for being you and recognizing the real me. Nessim: Here's to the drag queens! Misty: Thanx for reminding me to express the freak inside. To the crazy crew of the third floor Glass, we survived! To all the rest, all soc. majors, the profs, w/out you I would not be me. "I chose the road less travelled and that has made all the difference." Bye SBC!

Jennifer Wagner

Vienna, Virginia
Major: Government and Women and Gender Studies

Activities: Phi Alpha Delta

Giving tips to some of her class' Asses, Jess Hively preps Courtney Lammers and Jen Lister on obnoxious behavior on the Randolph Breezeway.

Angela Williams

Denver, Colorado
Major: International Affairs
Minor: French

Activities: College Republicans, French Club, Chapel Committee, Junior Year Abroad

"Travel broadens the mind . . ." "Music gives our hearts a chance to sing and dance . . ." Thanks to my grandparents, family, for assurance; to the French department for their inspiration; to SBCJYF program for making my dreams come true. Imagine, persist, create . . . A warm fuzzy hug to the class of '97.

Leigh Wilson

Greensboro, North Carolina
Major: Biology
Minor: Mathematics

Activities: Riding Council, Habitat for Humanity, French Club, Junior Year Abroad

"Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known." Gamson Keillor Thanks to my Mom & Dad and all my friends who have made my experience at Sweet Briar a happy one.

Amy Yakubinis

Lansdale, Pennsylvania
Major: International Affairs
Minor: Mathematical-Economics

Activities: Alpha Lambda Delta, Amnesty International, SWEBOP

"Your friend is your needs answered. He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving. For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace." -Kahlil Gibran

Wristbands and tickets in tow, Margaret Jenkins, Amy Cook, Kerry Coleman, Jess Hively, and Autumn Mather decide on plans for thier day at Foxfield long before leaving Sweet Briar's plot.

Probably the only sleep Jill Meadows got during exams was in her temporary bed in the library. Thank goodness that there is a last time for everything.

The annual senior dinner at Chaplain's House gave the Class of 1997 a chance to express their opinions and enjoy wonderful food.

A new addition to the Book Shop is the Boxwood Cafe. Alicia King and her parents spent time there over Families Weekend.

Class of 1997

Julia Ingelido shows pride in her accomplishment.

Beth Garlough steps down from the stage in style.

Some class members pass a bottle of champagne, while others take in the event.

Congratulations

Laura Powell was surprised by her daughter's on stage present - a certificate telling her she's the best mom ever!

Patricia Baughman cries tears of joy after crossing the stage.

Magaret Jenkins addresses her class during their final hours at SBC.

It rained, then poured, but the seniors kept themselves together. Degrees were handed out after the ceremony in order to keep them from being water-logged. Courtney Lammers finally gets her hand on the hard earned piece of paper.

Jessica Grass and Jill Butcher search the crowd for friends and family.

Lindsy Rollenhagen receives her diploma in the Dean's Office following the ceremony.

Sophia Kassim and Vaiana Teriitehau hang out by the refreshment table. When the rain stopped, it got hot and humid.

Some of Sweet Briar's newest alumnae, Amy Everett, Molly Cameron, and Amanda Acuff, pose with President Muhlenfeld during the reception following graduation.

Celebrating Accomplishments

FINALLY
Upperclasswomen

Juniors

Walking onto campus, seeing the bench, and being able to sit on it was one of the greatest thrills of the year for the class of 1998. Another great thrill was Junior Banquet. Seeing the green ring on their finger, then returning to their rooms from Junior Banquet to find them transformed by a special senior was an adrenaline rush. Juniors were also able to breathe easily when Bum bells came near. They had played their game already, but the thrills of becoming a part of tap clubs were still being enjoyed. While some juniors were struggling to meet the requirements of their major, others were able to take a variety of classes. With three years of memories behind them, juniors were looking forward to their final years at Sweet Briar and the memories yet to be made.

Working hard on an art project, Sandra Dittmer '98 steadily guides her pencil to make a masterpiece.

Virginia Blair leads students through a series of games which were a part of the Pannell Docent tour program.

Working on a paper or using e-mail? The Benedict Lab was a second home for many students, including by Kim Osborne and Charlotte Rognmoe.

All decked out for Junior Banquet, Cynthia Bumgardner and Kathy Carr pause to pose in Kathy's "Romance Times" room.

Britt Sheinbaum, Allison Gerber, Marnie Tokaruk, and Charlotte Rognmoe lead their class through preparations for Junior Banquet as part of their duties as class officers.

A group of juniors huddle around the Junior Bench following Fall Step Singing.

Celebrating Thanksgiving was a treat for all the Sweet Briar students who spent the year in Spain. About 40 students from the Class of 1998 went abroad.

Jennifer Anderson
Glen Burnie, MD

Susan Aronhalt
Huntingtown, MD

Bronwyn Beard
Aurora, OH

Stephanie Belk
Durham, NC

Marquita Belzer
Moorehead, MN

Crayton Benson
Nashville, TN

Amber Blow
Lithia Springs, GA

Elisabeth Botea
Conroe, TX

Melinda Brown
Cherokee, IA

Cynthia Bumgardner
Chattanooga, TN

Emily Busse
Pittsburgh, PA

Jayme Calabrese
Plano, TX

Melissa Coffey
Madison Heights, VA

Christina Cotter
Woodstown, NJ

Page Darney
New Cumberland, PA

Tara Day
Euclid, OH

Amanda Diamond
Laguna Beach, CA

Misty Donathan
Seagrove, NC

Angela Elliott
Richmond, VA

Dawn Everett
Brattleboro, VT

Leslie Farinas
West New York, NJ

Alicia Foster
Suffolk, VA

Allison Gerber
Orangevale, CA

Mary Ann Gheen
Warrenton, VA

Tonya Grudier
Byesville, OH

Cynthia Hague
Lindsey, OH

Courtney Hayes
College Station, TX

Bobbi Jo Hedrick
Gretna, VA

Amira Hernandez
Spartanburg, SC

Charlotte Higgins
Topeka, KS

Joanne Hopkins
Springfield, VA

Kim Izquierdo
Riverdale, NY

Joelle Jackson
Chattanooga, TN

Diana Jordan
Chaplin, KY

Amanda Kottke
Dallas, WI

Joanna Kucinski
Virginia Beach, VA

Brigette Laib
Lafayette, NJ

Natalie Lindfors
Yorktown, VA

Astrid Liverman
Richmond, VA

Katie Martin
Oskaloosa, IA

Mary Lea Martin
Arlington, VA

Fionna Matheson
Baltimore, MD

Candice McMillan
New Orleans, LA

Tricia Mohana
Bourg, LA

Maleka Newsome
Dale City, VA

Sarah Nolton
Charlotte, NC

Kimberly Osborne
Roanoke, VA

Jessica Pavia
Mason Neck, VA

Darelle Pfeiffer
Howell, NJ

Isabel Jean-Pierre
Washington, DC

Serena Putegnat
Brownsville, TX

Melissa Rickman
Alexandria, VA

Charlotte Rognmoe
Lexington, KY

Melissa Rothwell
Darlington, MD

Kindle Samuel
Baltimore, MD

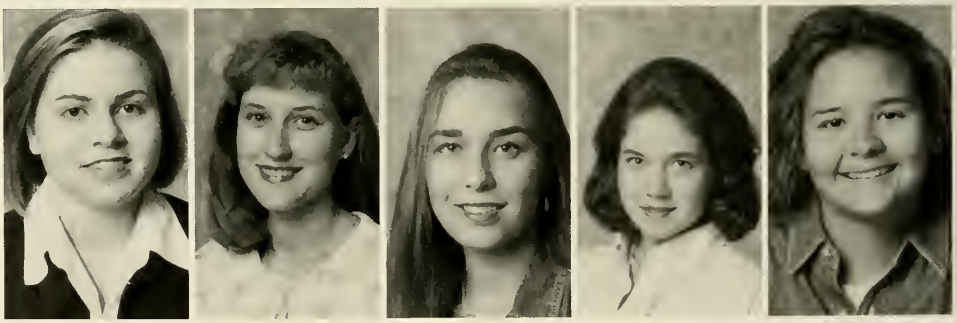
Kelli Scott
Ferrum, VA

Andrea Sheetz
Chester, VA

Britt Sheinbaum
Vienna, VA

Shelley Shreve
Tye River, VA

Lesya Shrodes
Weirton, WV



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Amy Stroupe
Princeton, WV

Erikka Sund
St. Francisville, LA

Scarlett Swain
Sanford, NC

Catherine Thomas
Edenton, NC

Heather Thomas
Columbia, SC

Marnie Tokaruk
Ontario, Canada

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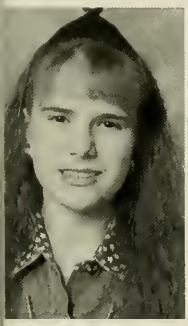


Kristy Winstead
Garland, TX

Erin Wortley
Big Island, VA

Chigusa Doi
Nagoya, Japan
(Exchange Student)

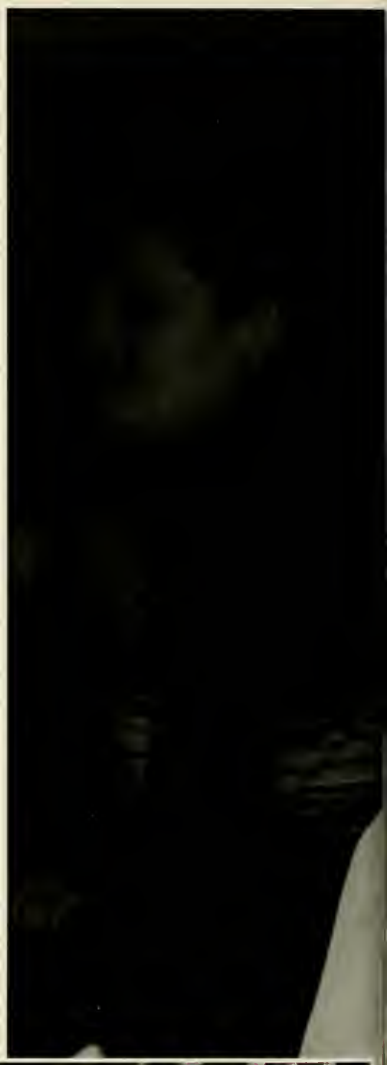
Heike Munz
Baden-Wurttemberg,
Germany
(Exchange Student)

MUDDLING
Through

Sophomores

Sophomore year is often considered one of the most difficult years at Sweet Briar. The Class of 1999 didn't let that deter them. Most were highly involved in the QV/Bum Chum game - going on runs on random Wednesdays and watching for drops every couple weeks from their fellow classmates. Not only were they rivals with the Juniors, but also with the Freshmen. An April Fool's Day hoax was played on them as well as many other devious, but playful tricks. Aside from all the fun, sophomores were busy deciding on and declaring their majors. For some, this was simple, having decided before their arrival at Sweet Briar; for others it was a much more difficult task. Though the year was a rough one, the sophomores made more friendships within their class and with other classes.

Oh yeah! The electric slide is more fun now than ever before. Catherine O'Brien '99 is caught in action at a band in Prothro.



Blocking the first year students' attempts at painting the sophomore rock, these sophomores built a human blockade and got covered with gold and purple paint.

After her performance during Asses tapping, Elizabeth Melvin shows off her colorful teeth.

Fall step singing is a tough time for sophomores. Having rivalries with both first years and juniors didn't deter this group from giving their biggest smiles.

Melissa Henning, Kelley Dize, Erin Vlasaty, and Amy Gibbs pose together as friends and officers for the Class of 1999.

Brenda Elze, Erin Vlasaty, Emily Clark, and Morgen Hallum gathered for dinner during Inauguration.

The Bum Chums wreaked havoc on the sophomores during dinner time. Sarah Kingsley, Rachel Barnard, Aimee Armentrout, and Meg Pollard played games and painted faces.

Katie Akers
Birmingham, AL

Natasha Alam
Lahore, Pakistan

Lindsay Allen
Cincinnati, OH

Kimberly Andolshek
Brooklyn Park, MN

Mishja Anthony
Baltimore, MD

Aimee Armentrout
Mechanicsville, VA

Rachel Barnard
Chesterfield, VA

Shannon Bazar
Bakersfield, CA

Karen Bender
Freehold, NY

Alia Bey
Richmond, VA

Meredith Bonnell
Maplewood, NJ

Marisha Bourgeois
Gretna, LA

Christina Brady
Verona, WI

Rachel Bratlie
Fairfax Station, VA

Kristine Bria
Stratford, CT

Christine Carl
Lynchburg, VA

Anna Carmichael
Midlothian, VA

Zakiya Carroll
San Antonio, TX

Aracelie Castro
San Antonio, TX

Katelin Chmielinski
South Weymouth, MA

Melissa Ciotello
Warrenton, VA

Emily Clark
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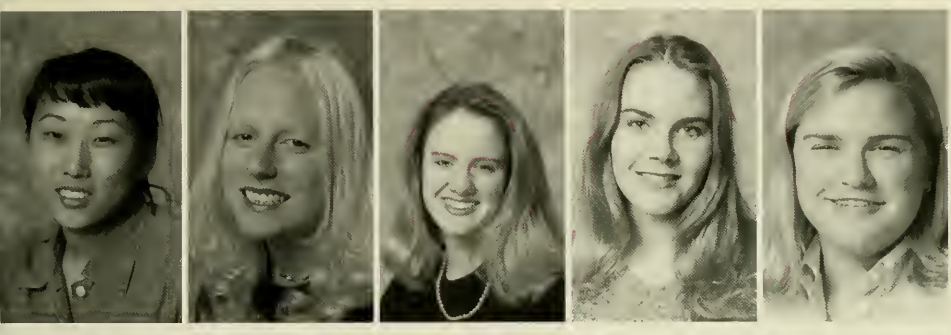

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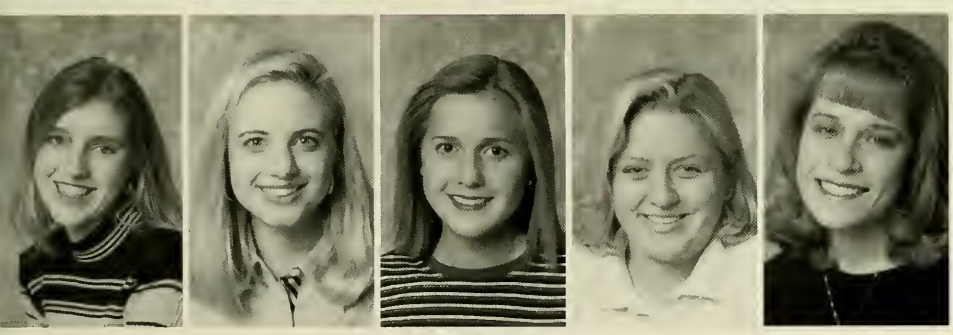
Chantilly, VA

Marlena Dearman
Tucson, AZ

Jessica Dennig
Clarkston, MI

Sarah Dorminey
Charlotte, NC



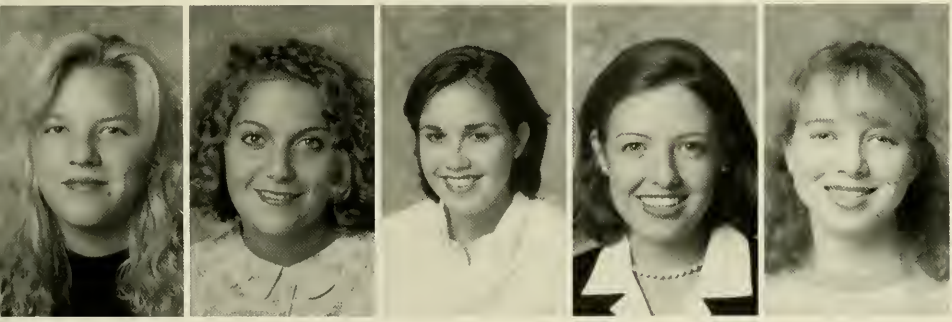
Amy Jo Downing
Raleigh, NC

Katie Dudman
Oklahoma City, OK

Katherine Dunbar
Augusta, GA

Sarah Elkins
Homerville, OH

Brenda Elze
Papillion, NE



Tara Feyerherd
Montpelier, VA

Mary Fiore
Mechanicsville, VA

Megan Foran
Little Silver, NJ

Amy Gibbs
Ganeseo, NY

Holly Green
Woodbridge, VA

Courtney Gross
N. Richland Hills, TX

Leslie Hager
Rockville, MD

Lindsay Hall
Canandaigua, NY

Morgan Hallum
Nokesville, VA

Elizabeth Hamilton
Charlottesville, VA

Tina Hansel
Annandale, VA

Kristin Hard
Charlotte, NC

Julie Harju
Plympton, MA

Mary Harris
Columbus, OH

Tara Hartnett
Whitefield, NH

Traci Haubert
Newport News, VA

Melissa Henning
Mehoopany, PA

Lindsay Hicks
Tempe, AZ

Tarrah Holly
Madison, AL

Donna Hoogland
Ridgewood, NJ

Susan Hurley
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Rebecca Jackson
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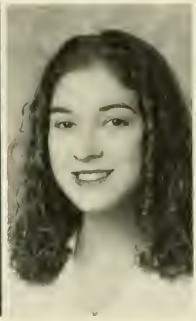
Stephanie Kayson
Sedalia, MO

Sarah Kingsley
Fort Morgan, CO

Ann Kitchen
Bradenton, FL



Tracy Kitchen
Wingina, VA

Annie Knazs
Baton Rouge, LA

Laura Lamb
Cincinnati, OH

Deborah Lanham
Stevensville, MD

Jae-Young Lee
Springfield, VA

Katherine Leeming
Rowayton, CT

Catherine London
Virginia Beach, VA

Courtney McGeorge
Medfield, MA

Bridget Meier
Butler, PA

Elizabeth Melvin
Charlotte, NC

Mandy Monacelli
Portsmouth, VA

Lindsey Neef
West Boomfield, MI

Suzanne Nichols
Ridgefield, CT

Jera Niewoehner
Dickson, TN

Catherine O'Brien
Warrenton, VA

Sarah O'Neill
Warrenton, VA

Meghan Pollard
New Orleans, LA

Emily Poore
West Newbury, MA

Stephanie Reed
Chesapeake, VA

Elizabeth Riling
Charleston, WV

Rebecca Ripka
Burtonsville, MD

Kelli Rogowski
Newport News, VA

Amy Sanford
Madison, VA

Emily Sartor
Chapel Hill, NC

Jennifer Schmidt
Bear Creek, PA

Stephanie Seems
Pennington, NJ

Megan Senecal
West Worthington, OH

Andrea Sharretts
Patton, PA

Jennifer Sienkiewicz
Oakton, VA

Sara Skoglund
Fairfax, VA

Amy Smith
Manlius, NY

Kristin Smith
Virginia Beach, VA

Leslie Stokes
Louisville, KY

Jill Stromberg
Rochester, MN

Mary Taylor
Houston, TX

Meredith Tillery
Augusta, GA

Jessica Tinfo
Litchfield, CT

Jill Triana
Charlotte, NC

Kelly Turney
Fredericksburg, VA

Tiffany Tyler
Mt. Laurel, NJ

Devon Vasconcellos
Boulder, CO

Erin Vlasaty
St. Louis, MO

Laura Walters
Gray, TN

Angela Walton
Annapolis, MD

Shannon Weisenberger
Waxhaw, NC

Jessica West
The Plains, VA

Murai West
Powhatan, VA

Natasha White
Diablo, CA

Brandi Whitley
Monroe, NC

Kathryn Whitlock
Gordonsville, VA

Krista Wigginton
Orchard Lake, MI

Jocelyn Wiherle
Havre de Grace, MD

Elizabeth Wilbun
Appomattox, VA

Elizabeth Wiley
Portland, OR

GETTING
Started

Freshmen

With a whole new world before them, first year students entered Sweet Briar ready to take on the challenges of college life. For some, this includes scheduled meals, sharing a bathroom and having a roommate. Orientation week involved learning the Honor Code and the long standing traditions of Sweet Briar. To help with the transition, each freshman received a junior Big Sister who was available to answer questions and make their lives a little easier by giving them little gifts. One method of class bonding was painting the Rock and Hitching Post purple and gold in the middle of the night. Freshmen spent their first two semesters at Sweet Briar fulfilling distribution requirements and beginning to determine which direction they wish to focus their studies. At times, First Years found college life daunting, but they rose to the occassion and had a year full of happy memories and great new friends.

Fall Step Singing is the first tradition first years are privy to. Germaine Gottsche, Tammy Willoughby, and Allsion Davis ham it up for the event.

The banner is hung! First years Benedicte Valentin and Christa Shusko had the priviledge of hanging their banner in the Bistro.

On the auction block, Alissa Harris goes to the highest bidder. She participated in the Slave for a Day to help raise money for her class.

First years announced their fight to "Keep with tradition" at Sweet Briar.

The class officers play a vital role in holding the first years together and bonding them as a class. Carol Skriloff, Abby Schmidt, Lacey Banis, and Noelle Lotano were the first officers of the class of 2000.

At the Feshman Show, Amy Scott, Gregor Lee, and Kate Kenefick showed their vocal talent.

Ready for the fight! First years gather their courage to fight the sophomores for the Rock and Hitching Post. Their determination helped them win.

Maria Alexandre
Abington, MA

Anita Allen
Arrington, VA

Amanda Ankerman
West Hartford, CT

Amanda Atkinson
York, PA

Elizabeth Bagg
Prairie Village, KS

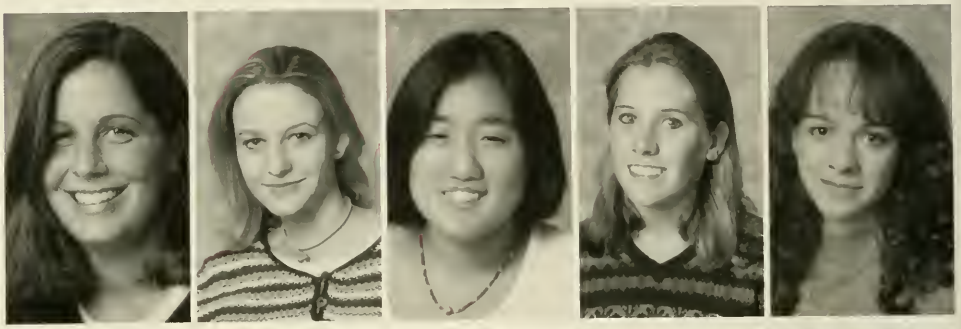
Amanda Baker
Virginia Beach, VA

Jordan Baker
Reisterstown, MD

Lacey Banis
West Milford, NJ

Ashley Black
Purcellville, VA

Susan Bobb
Midlothian, VA



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Herndon, VA

Susan Bonagua
Arcadia, FL

Diana Booth
Charleston, SC

Wendy Bramlett
Ocean Springs, MS

Lindsey Brooker
Raleigh, NC

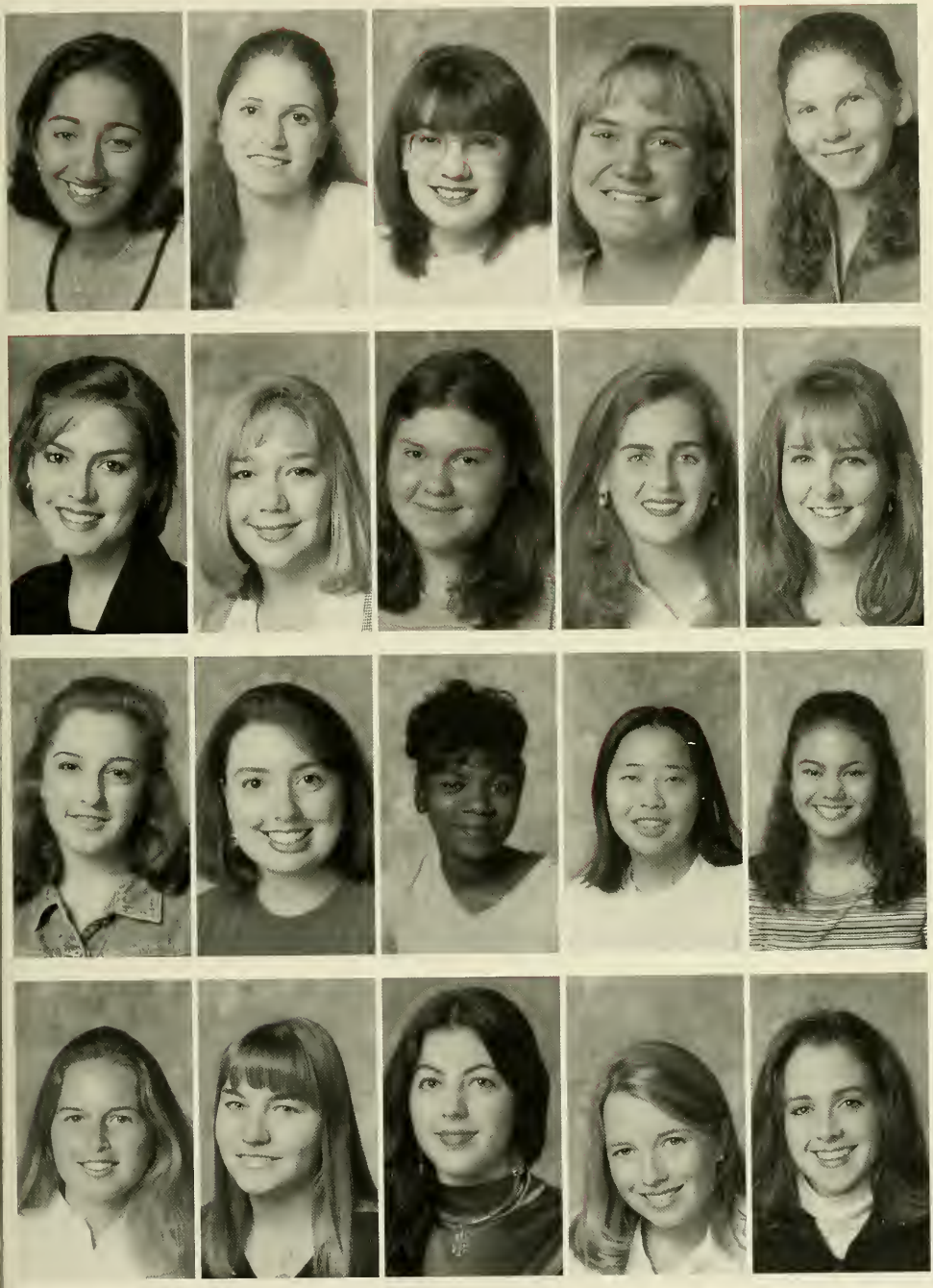
Lucy Brooks
Atlanta, GA

Kibby Bryenton
Asheville, NC

Christine Bump
Napa, CA

Kimberly Burton
Robbins, NC

Jenny Cameron
Cincinnati, OH



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Birmingham, AL

Sara Carlucci
Stafford, VA

Heather Carson
Weymouth, MA

Brandy Cash
Monroe, VA

Kathryn Cesarz
Grafton, WI

Jackie Chatham
Mouth of Wilson, VA

Kristy Chatham
Mouth of Wilson, VA

Alison Cooper
Dallas, TX

Sarah Cunningham
Martinez, GA

Lindsey Custer
Chesterfield, VA

Allison Davis
Winston-Salem, NC

Margaret Davis
Hendersonville, NC

Melody Dix
Tampa, FL

Thuy-Trang Doan
Luling, LA

Jennifer Dronkers
Fremont, CA

Renee Dupre
Opelousas, LA

Kimberly Earehart
Martinsburg, WV

Mary Easterly
Knoxville, TN

Laurie Evans
Colorado Springs, CO

Andrea Fulgham
Richmond, VA

Virginia Gilbert
Baldwin, MD

Germaine Gottsche
Ocean Springs, MS

Lina Hailelul
Bethesda, MD

Elizabeth Hamshaw
Marlborough, NH

Kimberly Harden
Bowie, MD

Susan Harju
Plympton, MA

Anne Harper
Paris, TX

Alissa Harris
Overland Park, KS

Alicia Hart
West St. Paul, MN

Nicole Hart
Bloomfield, CT

Anne Hauslein
Great Falls, VA

Mary Hawkins
Portland, OR

Angela Hay
Virginia Beach, VA

Christina Herman
Raleigh, NC

Amy Hess
Winchester, VA

Mary Hill
Naples, FL

Anna Hoevelkamp
Carroll, IA

Heather Hug
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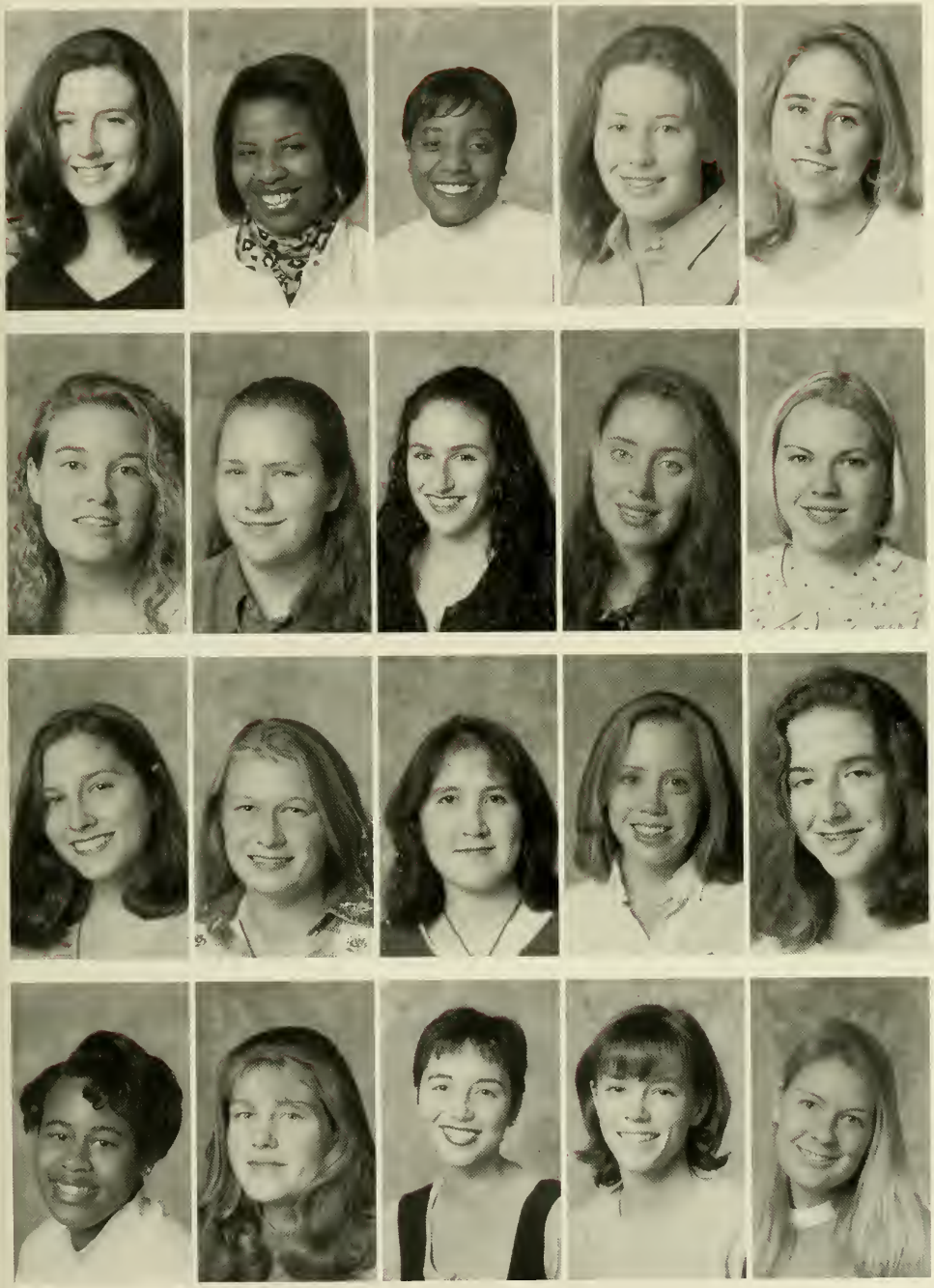
Dorothy Hughes
Ridgefield, CT

Eriko Ikeda
Tokyo, Japan



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Derry, NH

Petrina Johns
New Orleans, LA

Amanda Jones
Columbia, SC

Elizabeth Keating
Potomac, MD

Tarrah Kehm
Littleton, CO

Mary Kenefick
Culpeper, VA

Darcy Kennedy
Sandy, OR

Sara Kimmel
Seattle, WA

Marlena Koper
New Rochelle, NY

Andrea Kubler
Reston, VA

Nicole Lamm
Madison Heights, VA

Kristen Lawlor
Durham, NC

Kimberly Leach
Cary, NC

Ardyce Lee
Asheville, NC

Sarah Lester
Lynchburg, VA

Dana Lewis
Madison Heights, VA

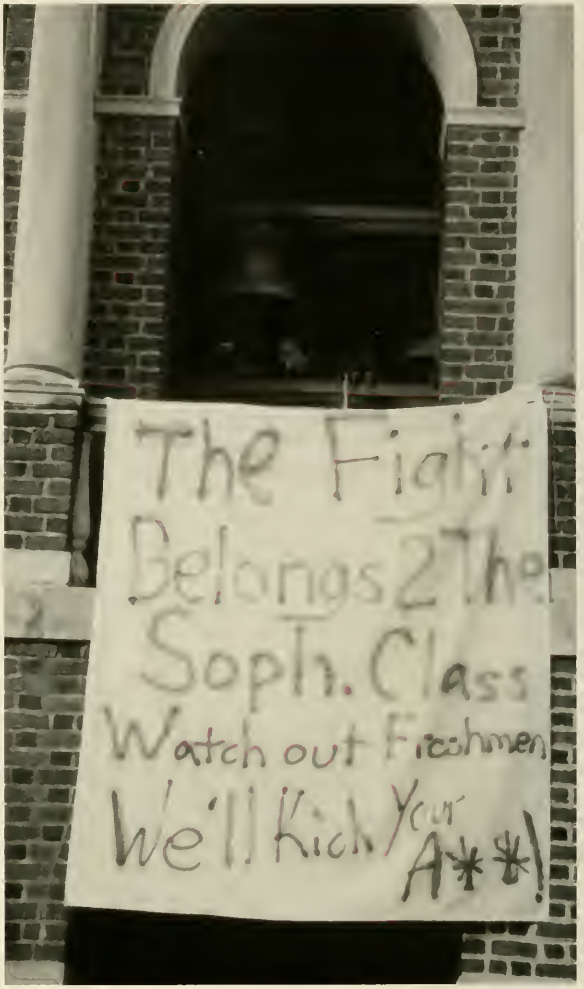
Jessica Livingston
Dayton, VA

Noelle Lotano
Toms River, NJ

Nicole Lyle
Virginia Beach, VA

Ingrid Malmberg
Andover, MA

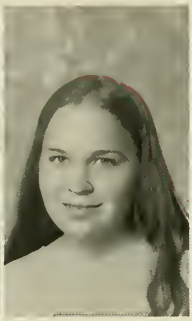
The banner from the bell tower made a threat, but the Class of 2000 still triumphed.



The Class of 2000 made their mark on the hitching post with gold and purple spray paint.

Pumped up and ready to go, the First Years get ready to rock.

When the Class of 2000 was announced as the winner of the Rock and Hitching Post Fight, the Sophomores got a little rowdy to protest.



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Raphine, VA

Rebekah Mansell
Aiken, SC

Katherine Markwalter
Savannah, GA

Rhonda Marsh
Agoura, CA

Jennifer Marshall
Wyckoff, NJ

Michelle Mattingly
Spotsylvania, VA

Emily McGregor
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Shannon McGuire
Lambertville, NJ

Cara Millar
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Jessica Morrison
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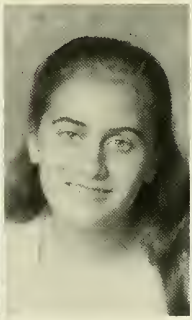

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Ashley Nelson
Weymouth, MA

Dina Orbison
Anaheim, CA

Emily Pegues
Warrenton, VA

Stephanie Peralta
Grosse Pointe Park, MI

Lindsay Perkins
Salt Lake City, UT

Seth Plain
Golden, CO

Alison Poncy
North Palm Beach, FL

Carolyn Ponte
Virginia Beach, VA

Elissa Pugh
Smithsburg, MD

Lara Putegnat
Brownsville, TX

Amanda Rice
Anchorage, KY

Elizabeth Rice
Woodbridge, VA

Maureena Robertson
Annandale, VA

Mandy Rockwell
Bend, OR

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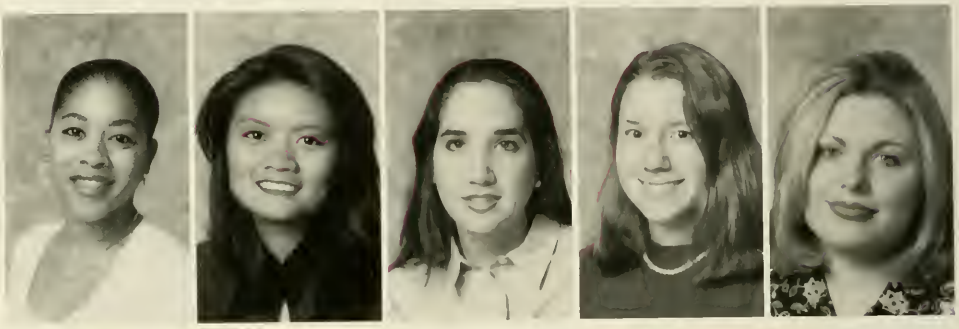

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Mount Pleasant, SC

Chhavi Sharma
Lobatse, Botswana

Christa Shusko
Jeannette, PA

Anne-Ryan Sinnott
Alexandria, VA

Jennifer Sisney
Philomont, VA

Carol Skriloff
Charlotte, NC

Caroline Stark
Chapel Hill, NC

Rebecca Stephenson
Fairmont, WV

Alison Stockdale
Woodbridge, VA

Julie Swords
Boulder, CO

Emily Taylor
Mount Airy, NC

Cameron Theodores
Lafayette, CA

Kimberlee Timberlake
Charlottesville, VA

Jaclyn Trentacoste
New Preston, CT

Janice Troesch
Makati, Philippines

Christian Turner
Centerville, OH

Benedicte Valentin
St. Just le Martel, France

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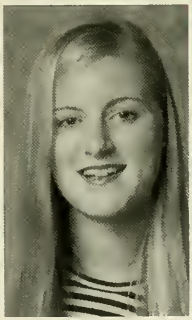
Tamera Willoughby
Roanoke, VA



Holly Wilmeth
Providence, RI

Erin Wright
Springfield, VA

Kathryn Wright
Warrenton, VA

Shannon Yoder
Newtown, Square, PA

Victoria Zak
Reston, VA

CLUBS

The alto section of the Sweet Tones complains good naturedly they aren't able to sing high notes and melodies like sopranos.

Aints-n-Asses' babies must stand and perform a skit in Prothro after their tapping. Alia Bey attempts to live up to her club's standards while strutting her stuff for the audience.

Katie Gumerson checks in with Chung Mung co-president Ann MacDonald and Lisa Ducharme to see how cookie sales are going during Club Day.

Just tapped into Taps-n-Toes, the babies form a kick line similar to the Rockettes.

Tapping Time

Club tapping is a traditional and integral part of Sweet Briar student life.

Alpha Lambda Delta was the first club to tap this year. It is an honor society that acknowledges academic excellence during a student's first year in college.

The members of QV's are chosen by their classmates in the spring of their freshman year for their spirit and enthusiasm. They promote class spirit and their names are kept secret until Spring Step Singing their sophomore year.

The Bum Chums are tapped in the spring of their sophomore year and look forward to wearing the Red Bells and tormenting the next year's sophomores in the same ways they were tormented.

The Chung Mungs are composed of 13 outstanding juniors and seniors, known for their friendliness and general interest in Sweet Briar. They are known as the Ghostly Thirteen of Sweet Briar and are always doing kind things.

Tau Phi consists of juniors and seniors who have contributed to Sweet Briar through scholarship and service. The members are chosen for their interest in academics, character, and leadership.

Taps-n-Toes and Paints-n-Patches tap in the spring and anyone who has put in her hours of work on dancing and theatre performances is tapped.

Aints and Asses members are chosen for their wit and lack of restraint. They dress and act in an unorthodox manner. They are the rival club to Paints and Patches.

The Earphones are tone-deaf, loud mouthed song lovers who keep the campus singing. They tap in the fall and in the spring, and love to remind the Sweet Tones that not everyone is blessed with lovely voices.

Melanie Chriscoe concentrates on reading the messages on the back of her tapping sign from Tau Phi.

As the newly tapped Half Asses prepare to enter Prothro, Michelle Riling and Astrid Liverman rehearse the skits they've prepared.

Alpha Lambda Delta

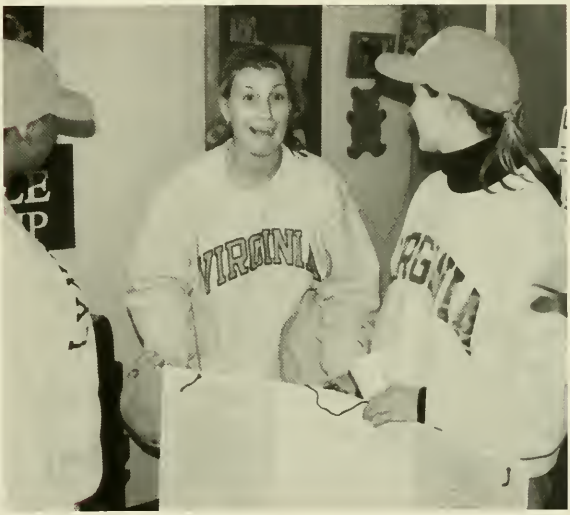
S. Yoshida, K. Dize, S. Dean, W. Webb, N. Milbury, A. Smith, A. Dubenezic, E. Poore, L. Neef, M. Henning, B. Whitley, H. McLeod, T. Feyerherd, R. Bratlie.

Amnesty International

S. Bader, A. Yakubinis, A. Liverman, N. Benson, M. Gheen, E. Sobotta.

New Alpha Lambda Delta members Laura Lamb and Blaire Wiley connect hands as their moms dictate instructions.

Having just been tapped as an Earphone, Cady Thomas lets out an enthusiastic yell. They obviously knew what they were doing when they chose her.



Aints and Asses

S. Holman, J. Niewoehner, J. Lister, B. Moats, K. Dudman, A. Liverman, K. Hall, C. Lammers, K. Samuel, E. Melvin, J. Ingelido, A. Bey.

Briar Patch

G. Gottsche, T. Grudier, K. Martin, A. Stroupe, K. Leeming, A. Elliott, C. Thomas, T. Putegnat.

Playing the Game

When rumors of a run begin, sophomores can't be found anywhere on campus. They try to avoid the Bum Chums, a group of juniors who tease and goop them up in the name of fun. On another night about every two weeks, a secret group of sophomores, the QVs,try to avoid the Bums and keep their identity secret as they leave "drops" outside the doors of all their fellow classmates in the wee hours of the morning.

The Bums take out any sophomores they can find on runs on a regular basis to play the game. The next day, the sophomores taken on the run have to wear red and paint the Bum sign on their faces in red.

The QV's are selected at the end of freshman year and tapped sophomore year. The Bums are responsible for trying to discover each of them while the QV's try to drop off their gifts and remain anonymous. At Spring Step Singing, they are revealed by the Bums.

Although they add to the stress of sophomore year, the Bums also help relieve it by playing games. The QV/ Bum Chum game bonded the rivals like never before.

QVs must hide out before revealing. Noelle Milbury, Shannon Weisenberger, and Katelin Chmielinski stayed at Dr. Kent's house.

Bum Chums
A. Elliott, D. Pfieffer, J. Calabrese, T. Whitmire, M. Tokaruk, L. Hall, C. Gallagher, B. Sheinbaum, C. Hayes.

Chung Mungs
K. Samuel, J. Lister, A. Earehart, E. Sund, J. Hopkins, B. Potter, N. Kelleher, P. Darney, K. Gumerson, L. Ducharme, M. Martin, G. Miller.

On the QV run, the Bums give out a final round of torture. Noelle Milbury, Kelley Dize, and Erin Vlasaty attempt to suck the cheese out of stuffed hot dogs while pig's feet hung from their necks.

The Bums prepare their bag of treats before starting a run.

Sophomores belt out "You've Lost That Lovin Feeling" to a random guy in Prothro while on a run.

Chapel Committee
T. Hansel, C. Cotter, M. Chriscoe, J. Hiveley, M. Henning.

Club Riding
T. Louthan, K. Cook, P. Darney, K. Balding.

Showing Their Spirit

Service and pranks were top priorities for both Tau Phi and Chung Mungs. The Chung Mungs dedicated themselves mostly to service oriented pursuits while the Tau Phis showed that the "nerds" could liven up the rivalry.

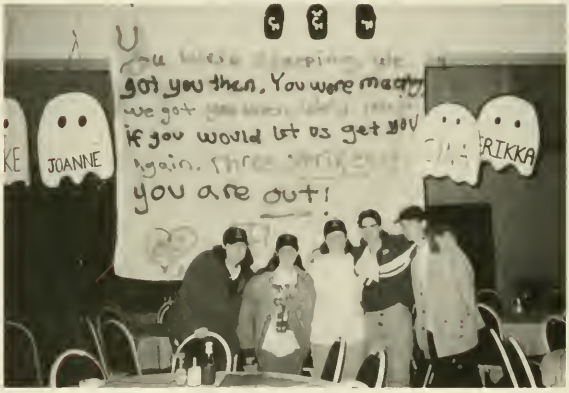
"Friendliness, cheerfulness, enthusiasm, and general interest in Sweet Briar," said Mary Lea Martin, are the qualities all Chung Mungs must have. They should also be active members of the community and get good grades.

Chung Mungs are very active both on and off campus. Once a month, they go to the Briarwood Nursing Home and decorate the residents' doors. Every Halloween, they take campus children trick-or-treating in the dorms. The Ghostly Thirteen, as the Chung Mungs are also known, and the Tau Phi's manage to put aside their friendly rivalry to work together. They co-hosted the Chocolate Party after Christmas Vespers and worked together to collect money for the American Cancer Society Fundraising Blitz. They also showed their Sweet Briar spirit by participating in the Inter-Club Volleyball Tournament.

As rival clubs, the two tease each other in a friendly manner. The Ghostly Thirteen fooled the Tau Phi members by sending them fake secret admirer candy grams. The Tau Phi's were more blatant in their pranks. "We try to steal their banner and hats. We were successful this year," said Sarah Katherine Spangler, '98.

Because Chung Mungs and Tau Phi are so active, the groups made themselves notable not only to the community of Sweet Briar, but also of Amherst.

Caught red-handed, Ann MacDonald knows where her Chung Mung hat is - with Alison Hall, a Tau Phi.



Having successfully taken the hats and signs of Chung Mung members, Allison Gerber, Stephanie Belk, Tonya Grudier, TC Weiseman, and Nichi Benson hang a Tau Phi banner in Prothro.

Collegium
B. Moats, A. Liverman, V. Teriitehau, A. Elliott.

Pannell Gallery Docents
B. Moats, J. Kucinski, T. Grudier, A. Cook, K. Martin, A. Elliott, M. Martin, D. Jordan..

For the first time in the history of the rivalry, Tau Phi stole the Chung Mung banner. Allison Gerber put the Tau Phi mark on it for future generations of Chung Mungs to see.

As her Chung Mung mom, Amy Everett, helps her down the stairs, newly tapped Chung Mungling, Erikka Sund, Hangs on for dear life.

Earphones

A. Elliott, S. Barney, L. Hall, C. Thomas, S. Dorminey, T. Hansel, A. Diamond, S. Shreve, C. London, J. Hiveley, K. Clarkson, K. Rawlings, A. Hall, J. Hogan, K. Dudman, A. Gerber.

French Club

E. Easterly, A. Allen, V. Teriitehau, S. Simonard, B. Valentin, G. Lee, M. Dally, A. Williams, A. Liverman.

The Muses

In well-rehearsed character roles, Paints-n-Patches members perform in front of audiences of hundreds, including the Sweet Briar community and others.

Often, however, Sweet Briar students have the pleasure of seeing a performace of a different nature. The Aints-n-Asses dress in outrageous costumes and poke fun at others.

P-n-P members are tapped because of hours spent performing and working in the theatre. A-n-A "have no morals, shame, or principles," said Katie Dudman, '99.

Painting a wall at The Dock was a service project done by P-n-P, while the A-n-A are here simply to amuse the community.

The purpose of each group is to provide entertainment whether it be in Babcock or Prothro.

The Asses wreak havoc on P-n-P tapping night

German Club

S. Bobb, A. Cooper, B. Valentin, H. Munz, S. Kingsley, Prof. Horwege, H. Wilmeth.

IVCF

M. Rothwell, S. Smith, K. Rawlings, M. Chriscoe, T. Hansel, L. Brooks, A. Dusenbury, P. Johns, S. Bobb, H. Wilmeth, B. Valentin, A. Smith, L. Tedder, C. Cotter, R. March, A. Ankerman.

P-n-P babies line up for their ceremony in Prothro. They are honored to be in the oldest tap club on campus.

Asses co-presidents Ann MacDonald and Becky Moats prepare for a day of highjinks.

Asses were the cheerleaders for the Inter-Club volleyball tournament sponsored by Unity.

Nations United

H. Munz, S. Yoshida, S. Skoglund, C. Sharma, H. Wilmeth, M. Anthony, N. Alam, P. Johns.

Sweet Briar News

K. Dize, R. Sayre, T. Okonak, A. Dubenezic, E. Poore, A. Armentrout.

Tuned Up

The sweet, harmonious melodies of the Sweet Tones waft across the Quad, but WAIT - where is that obnoxious, out of tune singing coming from? The Earphones!

The Sweet Tones, known for their beautiful voices, are chosen through a series of tryouts before they sing as Half-Tones in Prothro the day after their tapping.

While the Ear Phones may be identified by their obnoxious singing, they are chosen because they are "loud, spirited, and fun," said Cady Thomas, '98.

The Ear Phones mock the Sweet Tones, but its all in fun; they are more concerned with supporting each other and doing things with the Sweet Briar community. Over the course of the year almost everyone has the opportunity to hear the two groups vocalize.

The Ear Phones were involved with the American Cancer Society Fundraising Blitz. The Sweet Tones sang for President Muhlenfeld's Birthday.

The Sweet Tones' beautiful singing and the Ear Phones' cheerful but out of tune renditions keep Sweet Briar up to key.

The night of Earphone tapping the campus rocks. Suzanne Nifong learns the words to a now-important tune--the EP song.

Surrounded by candlelight, the Sweet Tones lead everyone in carols at the traditional Christmas tree lighting ceremony in the Quad.

Paints-n-Patches

N. Al-Yafi, S. Lester, R. Gunn, S. Carlucci, L. Shroades, S. Kingsley, R. Sayre, M. Coffey, B. Stephenson, M. Sarian, D. Jordan, T. Day, B. Laib, J. Meadows, L. Walters, J. Harju, A. Hafiz, E. Easterly, C. Gross, K. Rogowski, N. Lamm.

Phi Alpha Delta

M. Tokaruk, J. Wagner, A. Hall, B. Moats, P. Johns, C. Thomas, N. Rodriguez, J. Grass, G. Lee.

Earphones serve the community in several ways. One of their most important tasks is to sing Happy Birthday to campus leaders.

Live and in concert, the Sweet Tones take to the Bistro stage.

QV's

K. Dize, T. Hansel, M. Butt, S. Weisenberger, N. Milbury, E. Vlasaty, S. Kingsley, J. Lee, K. Dudman, K. Chimelinski.

Radio Station - WUDZ

G. Gilbert, S. Nolton, C. Thomas, M. Robertson, N. Rodriguez, E. Pugh

On The Move

Not all of the sports at Sweet Briar are considered varsity - some are club sports. The members of club sports receive college credit just like a varsity sport. Club sports are not as demanding on the part of the student. There aren't as many competitions and they are not a part of ODAC's. These are not interest groups or student-coached teams like at other schools. Club sports are "staffed by well-qualified faculty," said Athletic Director Bonnie Kestner. Club sports included basketball, fencing, softball and riding.

Cynthia Bumgardner '98 said, "Crispen is an awesome coach!" She believes that being a club sport has not damaged the morale of the team because they are very close "spirtually" during practice and meets. Being part of the fencing team involves only two hours or less practice per week, but fencing meets last hours longer. To be involved means a total commitment to learning techniques and rules.

The softball team had a great season, according to Kristin Smith, '99. Some of the players had never played softball at Sweet Briar before, but wanted to play a spring sport. Everyone did well.

Club Riding is very similar to varsity, but involves other students. They aren't responsible for going to many competitions, but are often very involved in Sweet Briar competitions.

The basketball team had a good time playing during its last year. Most of the players were first years , but they worked as a team to compete against varsity teams from other schools.

All the club sports team members had a great time competing in sucessful seasons.

Club riders practice in Sweet Briar's practice rings.

College Republicans
A. Elliott, M. Dally, T. Putegnat, S. Dean, G. Gottsche, A. Plain, R. Dupre, N. Lotano.

Red Clay Members
N. Benson, A. Dubenezic, T. Galenes.

Club fencing taps its members to create more team spirit and devotion.

Jen Schmidt races for the base during a chilly spring softball game.

The club softball team stays close together to create warmth.

Resident Advisors

M. Anthony, B. Potter, T. Grudier, C. O'Brien, K. Winstead, S. Bazar, T. Harbour, L. Voght, M. Martin, M. Brown, J. Grass, A. Liverman, D. Pfeiffer, H. McLeod, K. Samuel.

Riding Council

S. Holman, T. Louthan, J. Hogan, S. Pappanikou, L. Wilson, M. Tokaruk, K. Clarkson, E. Virkus, A. Dusenbury, C. Thomas, K. Balding, M. McCauley, C. McGeorge, A. Black.

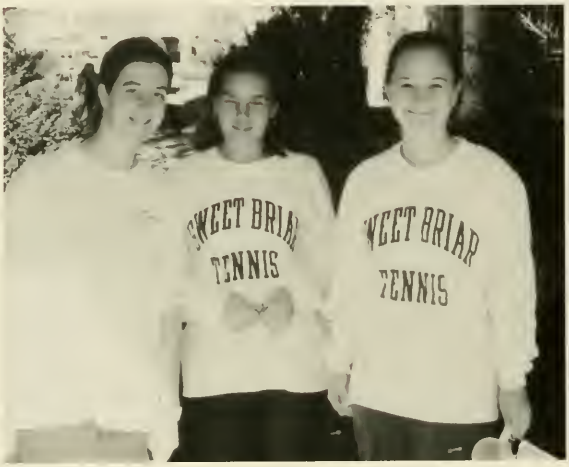
Sweet Briar Style

What does every Sweet Briar girl have in common besides her pearls and paint pens? Her Sweet Briar t-shirts! Every day several Sweet Briar students are decked out in their school paraphenalia.

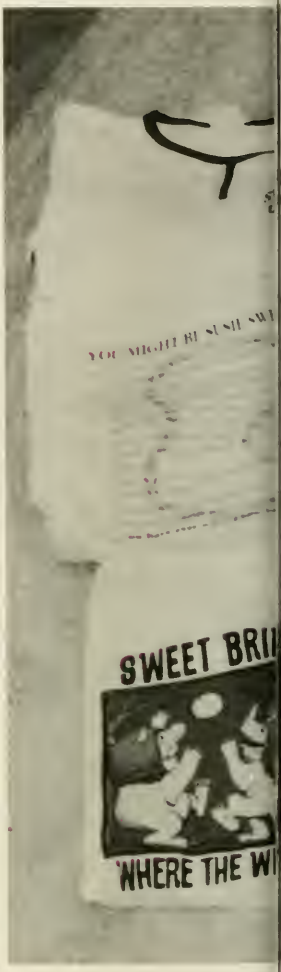
Clubs on campus come up with the very creative t-shirts that students so lovingly wear. One of this year's favorites was: "Sweet Briar Life is a Party . . . if you can afford the $25,000 cover charge" sold by the Bum Chums, who also sold the "we're not snobs . . . we're just better than you" shirt. The Sweet Tones sold the ever popular "10 Reasons Why Beer is Better Than Men." There was also the Susie Sweet Briar top ten list, the Winnie the Pooh, and the ones put out by Sweet Briar Athletic Department: "Sports show their style . . . no grits, no glory."

The t-shirts are great fundraisers, good conversation pieces, and darn comfy clothing too. and, no one is ever caught without the latest design..

Bum Chums Marnie Tokaruk and Britt Sheinbaum sell "Sweet Briar Snobs" shirts, but they would never claim to be better than anyone.

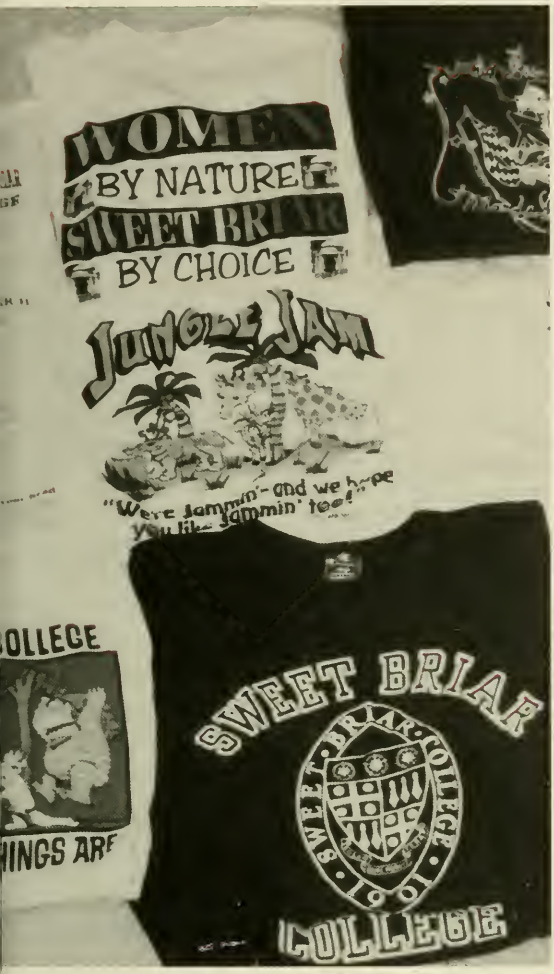


Marissa Jesson supports her teammates, but she doesn't have their gear. Ashby Plain and Emily Taylor show their team pride.



Spanish Club
N. Kelleher, Prof. M. Stanton, T. Putegnat, A. Plain, B. Valentin, H. Wilmeth, Y. Amusan, T. Ketchum, J. Meadows, G. Mendez.

SWEEP
A. Liverman, A. Hall



The selection never ends. Between clubs and the Book Shop, no Sweet Briar girl can get away from t-shirts.

Alpha Lambda Delta member Noelle Milbury sells the ever-popular "It's not a girl's college without men, It's a women's college without boys" shirt.

Sweet Tones

B. Elze, K. Leach, M. Tillery, A. Wetzel, S. Aronhalt, D. Orbison, R. Colquitt, E. Virkus, S. Pappanikou, R. Beaulieu.

Taps-N-Toes Members

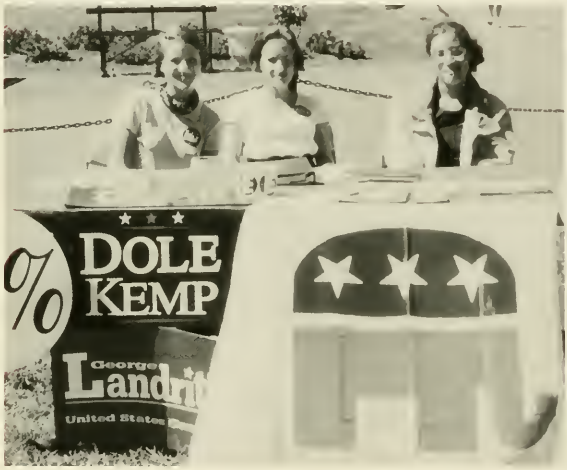
K. Johnson, K. Rawlings, I. Jean-Pierre, S. Kingsley, K. Leeming, G. Lee, S. Nichols, N. Al-Yafi, A. Hafiz, K. Winstead, L. Lamb, J. Jackson, A. Sheetz, A. Smith, N. Rodriguez, J. Gavitt, J. Meadows, M. Bourgeois, A. Allen, C. Rognmoe, C. Gross, L. Shroades, B. Laib, and S. Skoglund.

A Helping Mood

"Volunteering in the community is a wonderful experience whether its helping the elderly, picking up trash, or working with children. . . . There are so many people in our own community who need help or would just like to know that there are people who care about them. I love being able to take time out to see them smile and a lot of people know that even though they may be having a hard time, they aren't forgotten," said Donna Hoogland, '99.

Habitat for Humanity, Circle K, Amnesty International, Chung Mungs, and the Bum Chums are involved in community service. Habitat for Humanity keeps the communities of Amherst and Sweet Briar aware of the problems with sub-standard housing. Circle K organizes an Easter Egg hunt for the children of Sweet Briar and helps with other area needs.

Besides clubs whose main purpose is community service, other organizations also work in the community to satisfy requirements for SGA funds. But, no matter what the purpose, Sweet Briar girls are ready to help.



Tau Phi

A. Gerber, S. Spangler, T. Weiseman, M. Chriscoe, J. Hiveley, T. Galenes, N. Benson, T. Grudier, A. Hall, S. Betz, K. Balding, C. Thomas, S. Belk, J. Butcher..

Unity

A. Jones, S. Nichols, P. Johns, I. Jean-Pierre, J. Jackson, S. Skoglund, T. Moore, N. Rodriguez, M. Anthony, C. McMillian.

College Republicans get students registered to vote and provide materials about Republican candidates.

At Habitat for Humanity's silent auction, students can bid on laundry service and baked goods among other things.

Virginia Blair works with Amherst County children as part of as educational cooperative between Sweet Briar Art Galleries and Amherst County schools. Pannell Gallery Docents toured the children through exhibits and the campus to provide hands-on learning.

Bum Chums sponsored the annual campus blood drive. Courtney Hayes and Britt Sheinbaum cheer on Courtney London.

Varsity Sports Council
K. Chmielinski, C. Thomas, L. Hall, S. Caplash, C. Jordan, T. Weiseman, L. Boyd, J. West.

SPORTS

All of Sweet Briar's athletes gathered on the steps of Benedict to pose for a picture of the growing effort of women to be recognized in sports.

At one of the Nike clinics, Kris Harris and Kim Andolshek listen intently as the speaker lets them know more about women in sports.

During the procession of athletes, the group, representing women in sports worldwide, paraded around the Quad.

The sports players and athletic staff were recognized at the opening ceremony of the Nike convention.

Dedication

expected

With many incoming freshmen, the loss of some more experienced players was overshadowed for the field hockey team. The season was one of "rebuilding" and "team cohesiveness," said Coach Jennifer Crispen.

"Not only were we working on individual skills, we really came together as a team," said Kathryn Taylor '99.

Crispen stated that while the season was not full of wins, it was by no means a season of losses. Highlights of the season included the scoring of 16 total goals in their shutout game against Hollins; and their impressive win over Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Also included are the close losses with Catawba, a Division II team; and with the double-overtime game against Smith at the Seven Sisters Tournament. Crispen wanted each player to be happy with the quality of their play, no matter the results. This was made apparent to the players.

Emily Pegues '00 said, "we were supposed to go out and try our hardest and it didn't matter if we made a mistake. Being able to do that allowed us to go whole heartedly without worrying about messing up."

Thanks to this philosophy and the hard work and dedication of the players, everyone had a fun and successful season.

Emily Pegues and her teammates warm up before a game.

Angelina Alongi sweeps the ball away from the opposing team.

Amanda Atkinson leads off for SBC.

Out
with the old

These players watch from the sidelines as their team attempts to score.

The soccer season was a building season in many different ways including attitude, skill, and muscle. Along with a new coach, Kellie Young, came a new era of Sweet Briar Soccer.

"Kellie drove us to find the desire we had within and bring that out on the field," said Katelin Chmeilinski '99.

Jen Schmidt '99 added, "she (Kellie) got the team to the next level."

One of the contributing factors to the success of the team was the improved attitude of the team, for the team,and by the team.One of their goals was "to improve the Sweet Briar image and be more serious about soccer," said Connor Louis '97. Chmielinski said another goal was,"to go out on that field and never give less than our best."

Kellie wanted to the team to be in the best physical shape possible to raise the skill level. "And, boy, were we in shape!" said Schmidt.

The team had its ups and downs, but pulled together for a great year.

Tina Hansel runs up to take control of the ball.

SOCCER TEAM: Sang Hwang, Alexa Schriempf, Elizabeth Melvin, Molly Cameron, Jenny Cameron, Kibby Bryenton, Jera Niewoehner, Stacey McKimm, Connor Louis, Melissa Henning, Jennifer Dronkers, Kellie Young, KristenLawlor, Erin Harringan, Noelle Milbury, Ashley Nelson, Jennifer Schmidt, Erin Wright, Tina Hansel, Brandi Whitley, Katelin Chimelinski, Carol Skriloff.

Young
and strong

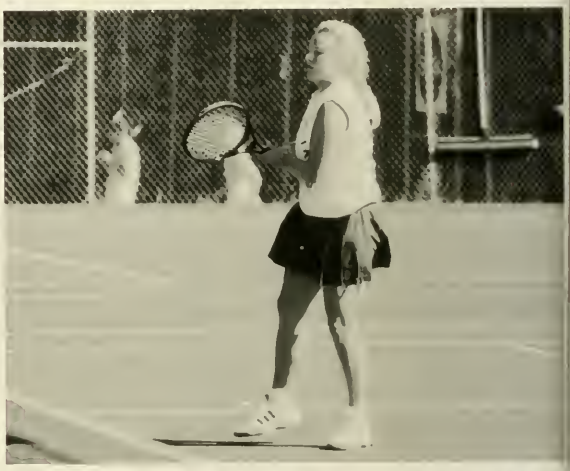
The fall tennis team continued a long tradition at Sweet Briar. Although they were a relatively young team, many members had past experience with the sport. The team tried to get a feel for each member's playing ability during the slower paced fall season.

The team had "secret pals" that gave them goodies before the matches. As for team spirit, they certainly had it--at the first game they all wore "Sweet Briar pride" hair ribbons.

Team member Marilen Sarien stated that she was a little "nervous about playing in college but each time I would [get a little] more comfortable."

The tennis team for the fall had only five returning players, and with the spring team came two more new players. With much improvement in spring, they successfully placed fifth in the ODAC's. The team is on its way and the future looks bright. Sophomore Kim Andolshek, the team captain, had this to say about the hard working team, "This group of women that I got to spend two hours a day with, sometimes all weekend, was incredible! We had such a fun and dedicated team. I couldn't have asked for anything better this year. I can't wait to see what the future for the team holds."

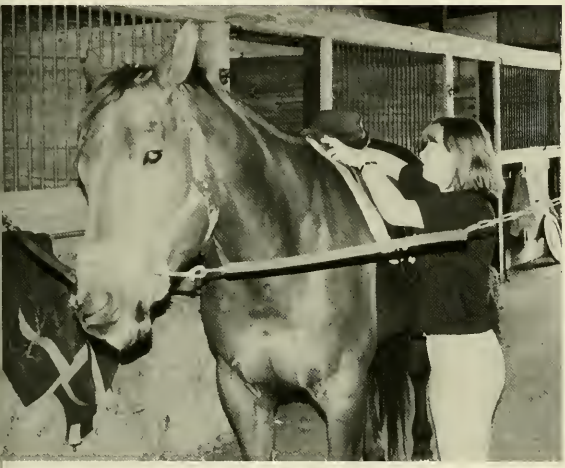
Tara Feyerherd returns a ball to her opponent during a match.



TENNIS TEAM: Darcy Kennedy, Marilen Sarian, Renee Dupre, Natasha White, Leslie Hager, Andrea Dubenizic, Nicole Lyle, Kim Andolshek, Tara Feyerherd.

Coach Kelly Morrison takes time out to pose for a picture with Vixen, one of her favorite friends.

Grooming the horse is an important part of competing and riding. Elizabeth Hamshaw spends hours each week taking care of horses.



Horsin'

around

For Sweet Briar women who love to ride and compete, varsity riding is a passion. They spend every weekend out of spring semester honing their skills and becoming better riders.

This season was particularly successful with a second place finish at Regionals. They also placed third at the National and ODAC competitions.

"We all competed very successfully in both Sweet Briar shows," said Katrina Balding, '97.

The team spent Spring Break training and had a great time working at it. Committment is necessary because competition takes up each weekend and practice takes place all week. They must do five rides a week and practice at least three days.

"It was really fun and I loved it. It was a lot of hard work, but I recommend it to everybody," said Balding, '97.

Jessica Dennig shows her stuff during Parents Weekend.

VARSITY RIDING: Tyler Louthan, Ashley Black, Cassie Thomas, Lynne Boyd, Jenn Hogan, Tina Brady, Katrina Balding, Katie Whitlock.

Jessi Livingston spikes the ball over the net.

Hard work
equals success

The volleyball team had a hard working philosophy that helped them through their games. This diverse team, showing all levels of play and skill, gave their 100% effort!

Team togetherness was a big factor in their success. Each members' support and intensity was a tremendous help. The team could often be seen eating dinner together after their practices.

Before each match, in order to get the team excited, they said a chant and talked about their goals and strategies together.

Team member Andrea Fulgham '00 said that the difference between her high school team and Sweet Briar's team was "the level of play. In high school, you were used to playing with people you knew. Getting used to a new coaching style was different, too."

The team accomplished their goal of togetherness and looks forward to another grand year.

The team huddles with the coach to discuss strategy during the game.

Sweet Briar players attempt to keep the ball alive in a game against Washington and Lee.

These Sweet Briar swimmers practice their techniques before a big match.

Splish
splash

"The harder we stroke, the faster we come" is the team motto for the swim team. It must have worked because the team had a very successful season.

The season begins in October and continues to February, making it the longest sports season at Sweet Briar. It would be easy to get down and tired after such a long season, but the swimmers don't let that happen. They make a special effort to be supportive with their fellow teammates.

"We are known for being the biggest and loudest cheering swim team," said Evangeline Easterly, '00.

The cheering must have paid off. The team finished in third place at ODAC's. They also beat their rivals Mary Baldwin College and Randolph Macon Women's College. The year was a success for the team and for individuals. Most swimmers had improved their individual times by the end of the season.

Coach Colette Jamerson left after the season was over. But, the swimmers know that the program willl continue to grow. "Hopefully we will be as successful and as close as we were this year," said Easterly '00.

This Sweet Briar swimmer focuses on perfecting her stroke.

SWIM TEAM Kristen Cummings, Gina Miller, Kristen McCowan, Kelley Dize, Paige Wunder, Brandi Whitley, the Vixen, Joanne Hopkins, Heather Carson, Allison Oates, Ticia Harbour, (unidentified), Lindsey Neef, Evangeline Easterly, TC Weiseman, Leslie Stokes, Liz Keating.

Against the odds

Every sports team has its share of injuries, but the Lacrosse team also had to overcome a team-wide mono epidemic. This did not dampen their spirits, however, and they went on to have a good season. The epidemic did take a toll on the season, though. The team had to forfeit all non-ODAC games and play nine games in 16 days.

"We've been through a lot together through the sicknesses, but we learned team bonding and supported and encouraged one another," said Andrea Fulgham '00.

Part of this encouragement came through the combined effort of the players in living up to their mission statement, which they wrote together as a team. Unity, respect and hard work were some of the goals included it.

As a Sweet Briar team, lacrosse developed its own traditions including secret pals and pre game chant, that went: "One, two three, four, what do you think these sticks are for? Checks, steals, cradles, and score! Go Sweet!"

The season may have started off on a bad note, but the players worked very hard to accomplish their goals.

"This year was definitely a building year, but in the years to come [Sweet Briar will be] a serious threat in the ODAC," said Jessi Livingston, '00.

The Lacrosse team gets together for a team huddle to discuss strategies before the game starts.

Team members stand on the sidelines watching the game and offering encouraging words.

Molly Cameron outruns the opponent and heads for the goal.

Work it
girl

Brandi Whitley takes time out to catch up on her reading while exercising.

Many Sweet Briar students are actively involved in achieving or maintaining good health. With a three thousand acre campus and a gym, it is very easy to find somewhere to exercise.

On many afternoons, students can be found running the dairy, mountain biking through the hills or trekking to the gym to use the stair master, treadmill, weight machines, or pool. Aerobics classes are offered by an alumna for most of the year.

"It was hard work, but so much fun!" said Jacke Chatham, '00. Chatham along with her sister, Kristy, were responsible for attracting at least 25 students to take the aerobic class.

"My home was the Nautilus room," said Amy Sanford, '99. "Every morning I worked out and it kept me energized enough to get through my day."

On their days off and days after short practices, athletes are expected to run or practice on their own. These days varsity players are often found along side other students who are working out.

No matter how students choose to improve or maintain their level of fitness, it is no surprise to see a student dressed out with her walkman on the way to the gym or dairy.

The treadmill and the stair step machine are favorites for Sweet Briar students, including Jackie Chatham.

The campus provides lots of places for students to run.

Exercising is a great way to relieve stress for Meredith Bonnell .

The Briar Patch would

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MARGARET-

CONGRATULATIONS!

A most proud moment, outstanding sense of accomplishment... YOU did it!!!

We love you, and honor you!!!

Mom, Dad, Polly, David, Cassette, and Jasper

XXX OOO

Margaret Brodie

Friends, Relatives, Classmates . . .

Lend Me Your Ears

Heather Lyn Cushman
has Graduated
Sweet Briar College 1997

Love Mom, Dad, Topher and Ollie.

Philosophy, Photography, Studies galore,
Soccer, fencing, bikes and more...
Winter, Summer, Spring or Fall,
You will always conquer them all.

Alexa Schriempf

We love you, Alexa!
Mom and Dad

Congratulations to my little girl, who suddenly grew up! We love you.

Daddy

Elizabeth Hunter

WE LOVE YOU "AMY GAL"

Mom and Dad

Amy Everett

GO SEEDS!!!

L, L, & K

Lindsy Rollenhagen

Aunt Seeds,

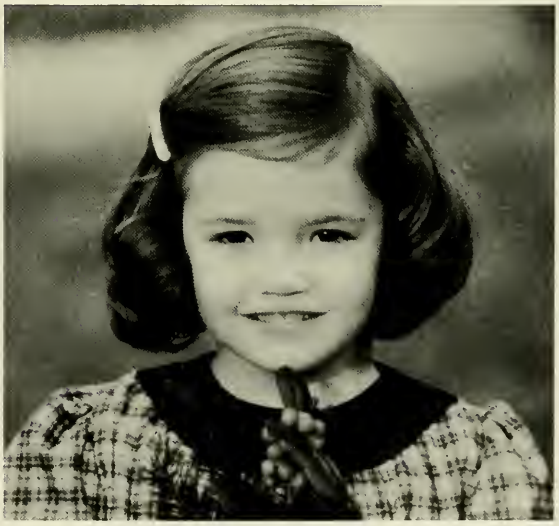
I am very proud of you! You're an inspiration!

Love,
Abigail

Lindsy Rollenhagen

Congratulations to Landis,
My dream daughter and best friend...
love, Mom

Landis Addison



You gave your all through thick and thin.
It has been tough, but you will win.
Ellie's always there with you
To laugh and play and see you through.
You're almost there.
The end is near;
Now we're ready for a long, loud cheer.....

Laura Powell

GREAT JOB!
CONGRATULATIONS! WITH ALL OUR LOVE!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You've finished four years of college
in three years!

We're proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad

Alison Burnett

CAPE-

We love you as much today as we did twenty one years ago. We are very proud of you.

Mom, Dad, and Jace

Cape Healey

Heather,

Your ability to excel is tremendous, and it will take you to the stars, but it is the love and happiness you give to family and friends that makes you so beautiful.

Congratulations!

Keep looking ahead. There are still so many good books to read, sunsets to see, friends to visit, and old dogs to take walks with.
.....unknown

Love, Duke
Heather Benhard

Congratulations
Heather Benhard

Heather,

You will always strive
to help others.
...Whether in medicine,
teaching,
researching a new cure
or taking in helpless critters....
We love you and admire you!!

Mom, Dad, and Ryan

Dear Sarah.
As you depart this learned place, carefully weave the knowledge you have gathered here with these threads of wisdom. Doing so will make the fabric of your life a very beautiful garment.

Strive to have fun everyday, fill your life with special moments and unforgettable times. Give people a chance to love you, for this is how you learn to love. Look upon the world not only with your eyes, but with your heart as well. See the good in others, for each of us has our own song to sing. Give passionately, for the more you give, the more you will receive. Never let love depart from your life.

Do not be afraid to do the impossible; take risks, be involved, make commitments. Be confident, even in failure, and try again and again. Challenges are inevitable. How you respond to them determines who you are and everything you will be. Allow the power of your will to lead you to your destination. Be courageous, admit your fear and face it directly. Be strong enough to ask for help and humble enough to accept it with gratitude. Although life holds no promises or offers any guarantees, it gives you time to make choices and take chances. Always aim higher than you believe you can reach, for you will discover that when your imagination sets your talents free, you can achieve any goal. History is filled with incredible accomplishments of those who were foolish enough - to believe!

Dare to dream, for your dreams are blueprints of goals yet to be achieved. You will discover who you are, what you want and what you can do. Have faith and patience, for your dreams will not come true overnight. Always carry a dream in your heart, for you are meant to be whatever you dream of becoming. Forever believe in miracles and in yourself, for life is God's precious gift in which anything is possible. Every tomorrow holds the promise of a new dawn.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Jon,
Mimi, and Clark

The wonderful thing about Tiggers, is Tiggers are wonderful things!!

All our love, Mom, Dad & Sarah

Jill Butcher

Molly, wasn't it only yesterday...?

Molly Cameron

Ann Mac Donald

From Accotink through SBC,
What a long great trip it's been.

Through ups and downs,
And smiles and frowns.

We knew that you would win!

You are awesome and we love you!

Mom, Dad, Chad, and Dee Dawg

To our special daughter, Stephanie, you've been a challenge and you rose to the challenge. Daddy and I knew you would do it! Congratulations.

Much love,
Mom, Granny,
Gertrude, Davis, & John

Stephanie Pappanikou

Robin is on the wing!
Congratulations
and love,
Mom, Dad, Owen, Lauren

Robin Sayre

Kerri Ann Rawlings

Dear Kerri,

You're precious to us and we're so proud of you. You believed, worked hard and your dream came true. Congratulations! We love you. God bless you always.

Love, Mom, Gary & Grandma

To my big sister, Kerri Ann Rawlings

Congratulations!

I love you.

Love, Dave

Congratulations Jennifer

Your hard work has brought you success. We're very proud of you, and know your future will be as successful.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Billy

"Thank You" to the senior Resident Assistants for all you gave to residence life while at SBC!

-Office of Residence Life & Housing

Vaiana,
With LOVE we sent you off to Sweet Briar,
With PRIDE we have viewed your accomplishments,
You have our PRAYERS as you embark on the great adventure.

All our love,
Mom & Dad

Dear Katrina,
May you have smooth seas and following winds in your future endeavors.

Love, Mom and Dad

We love you Katrina —
Virescit vulnere virtus.
Your brothers and sisters,
Andrew & Brenda,
Nicole, Ellen & CY,
Webster & Chona,
Charles, William & Susan & Michael & Christy

Alicia, **NOW** that you have
finished **THAT** important college foundation,
Dad and Mom want **YOU** to know
it is a joy to **HAVE** a daughter
who has persevered and **GRADUATED** from Sweet Briar College

Alicia, you are a
Liberated,
Inquisitive,
Considerate,
Innovative,
Affectionate daughter.

Affectionately, Mom and Dad send
Lots of love and hopes for lots of
Laughs with friends and family and wishes for
Everyday to hold the
Novelty that life offers.

Wishing you all the best for you Lucretia!

Love,
Mimi

Lucretia —
Now you can do more than just smell sweet success!
Love,
Brian & Suzanne Badger

Lucretia Bock

Hey Sav,

Frankly, my dear, we do give a damn!!

Congratulations, Jessica.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mitch & Kris

Jessica Hively

Tanya Ketchum

Tanya,

Look what you have done! It is a wonderful thing to watch, the way you handle every challenge.

You deserve and we wish you, the best of everything.

Love always,
Mom, Pop and Brownie

Chere Sophie,
From your ancestors' victory at Yorktown, Virginia to your own at Sweet Briar, Virginia:
Congratulations and carry on!
Your loving family

Sophie Simonard

TO OUR PRECIOUS DAUGHTER, DESIREE

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY! WERE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY!

LOVE, DADDY & MOM

DESIREE, I KNEW YOU WOULD DO A GREAT JOB.
BEST OF LUCK. THIS IS IT!
LOVE, COURTNEY (SIS)

Desiree Valenzuela

Jill Gavitt

Congratulations, Jill

You stand head and shoulders above the rest.

Love,
Mom and "the boys"

Melanie,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work and you will go far in life.

We love you,
Mama and
Daddy

Melanie Chriscoe

"THREE ATTAGIRL'S COURTNEY!"
WE'RE PROUD!

MOM AND DAD

Courtney Burt

Annie-Ban,
"You are a light shining on a silver platter." We love you so much and are very proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad,
Susan and John

Ann Barrett

Lindsy Rollenhagen

Dear Lindsy,
We love you! We are so proud of you!
All our love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Lindsy!

Love, Alexendra Von and Zoe

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isiah 41:10

Congratulations, Sis! Bloomingdale's!

Love, your Bro

Annette, meine geliebte Enkelin:
Ich bin so stolz auf Dich!
Love and best wishes for the future,

Momi

Way to go Annette!
We've watched with pride as you graduated from pounding blocks to researching bloodworm venom and taming horses—
We can hardly wait for what's next!
Always there for you,
With love,

Mom & Dad

Annette Dusenbury

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Dearest Nessim,

We share your happiness on this wonderful occasion but not the hard work . That's all yours, darling!
Congratulations Sim-Simah and may the future always be what you wish!

نسيم الغالية كم أنت مصدر سعادة لنا جميعا بخلقك العالي ومزاجك الهاديء واحترامك للكبير وودك للند وعطفك على الصغير ، حفظك الله ووفقك وبلغك مرادك

Love,
Baba and Mama,
Alia, AbdulBadie and Laila

Nessim Al-Yafi

Lucinda Polley

Lucinda,
Congratulations on four great SWEET BRIAR years! You are a joy and blessing to us all.
Mom, Dad, & Whit

Lucretia Bock

Lucretia —
Now you are really going places!
We love you,
Mom and Dad

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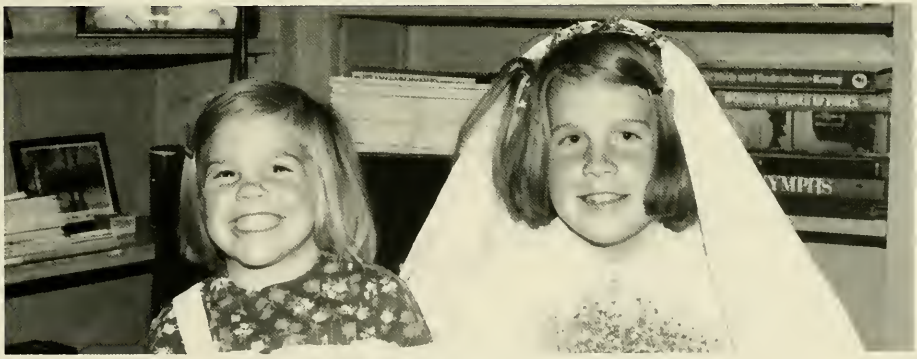
WAY TO GO, SEEDS . . . . . .



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A special thank you to the Class of 1997 for all of your help and support with the yearbook over the past four years.

Sarah Betz

To the 1996-1997 Briar Patch staff,

Thank you so much for enduring the long meetings. Even though you didn't hear it often enough, I <u>really</u> appreciated all of the hard work. You certainly were a dedicated bunch. I hope the finished product makes it all worth while.

With lasting memories,
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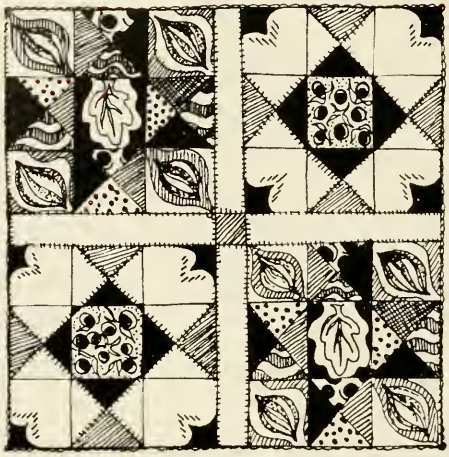


Rights of passage.
Bum Chum babies wait as the next to join their group is collected on the night of Spring Step Singing

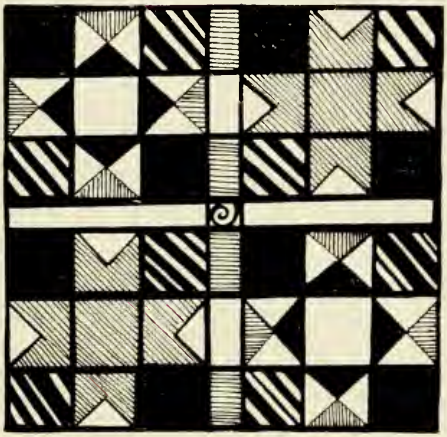
Sweet Briar traditions.
The Class of 2000 busted onto the campus ready to go. This enthusiasm carried them all the way to their first Step Singing.

A work in progress.
Emily McGregor expresses herself on paper during her Studio Art class.

Sleep is necessary.
Abby Schmidt takes a much needed break from writing a final paper during exam week.

Two favorite things.
Community picnics give students time to enjoy their dinner in the outdoors.

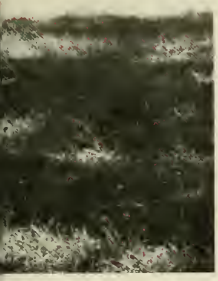
Faithful friends.
Mary Lea Martin spends time in the shade with Cinnamon.



Excellence in Teaching.
Visiting Professor Kurt Thaw speaks with students after class.

Losing control.
Dean Patterson shows that she is not all business after graduation.

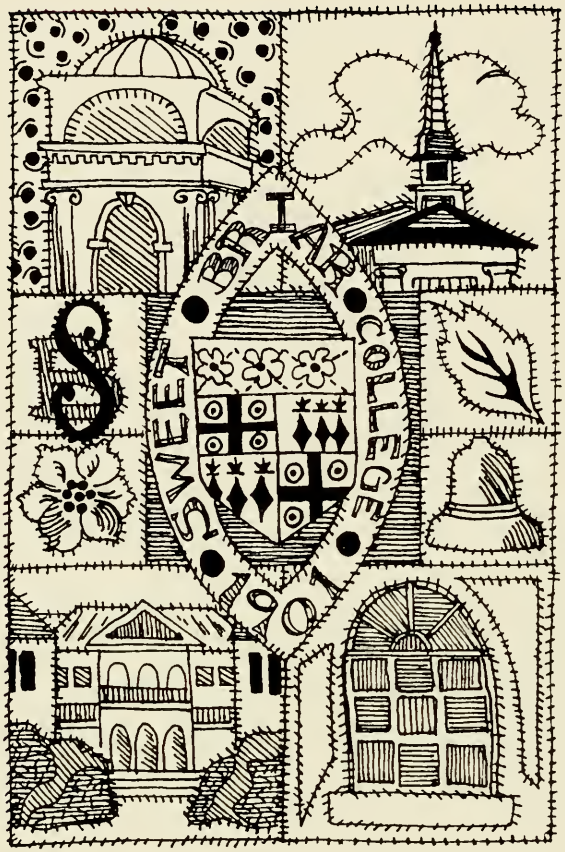
How to Make a Sweet Briar Quilt



Over the years, things change. People come and go. They are like special patches on the quilt of life. This year, we have watched as some of these special people have moved on. Their effects on our lives will remain. As always, the seniors move on. But, others who brought us joy or a helping hand have also. Their contributions to the community will last forever. Dean Patterson was known for her ability to get things done. Students knew if there was a problem, she would help them get through it because she cared. Other students will benefit from her presence, as did we. Thank you, Dean Patterson, along with all of the visiting professors and others who have helped us get through. You'll always remain a piece of our Sweet Briar quilt.

Celebrations.
Lantern Bearing is a special celebration for seniors. Heather Benhard walks with the two sophomores she asked to bear her lantern, Meg Pollard and Kristin Smith.

Best of the best.
The lacrosse team works to control the game. Their season was turned upside down because of the mono epidemic.



"You're a little bit of my life now.
You can't get away and I can't get rid of you.
That's a fact." -*Homecoming*

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